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## Cardiac stimulator implanted in baby

BELGRADE, March 8 (AFP) — Yugoslav doctors implanted a cardiac stimulator on a two-day-old baby in an operation at a maternity hospital here last March 1, the local press here reported.

They said the baby, who was born prematurely and with serious heart deficiencies, weighed 1.8 kilos (under four pounds) at birth.

It gained 100 grams (0.22 pounds) since the operation and was in good health, they added.

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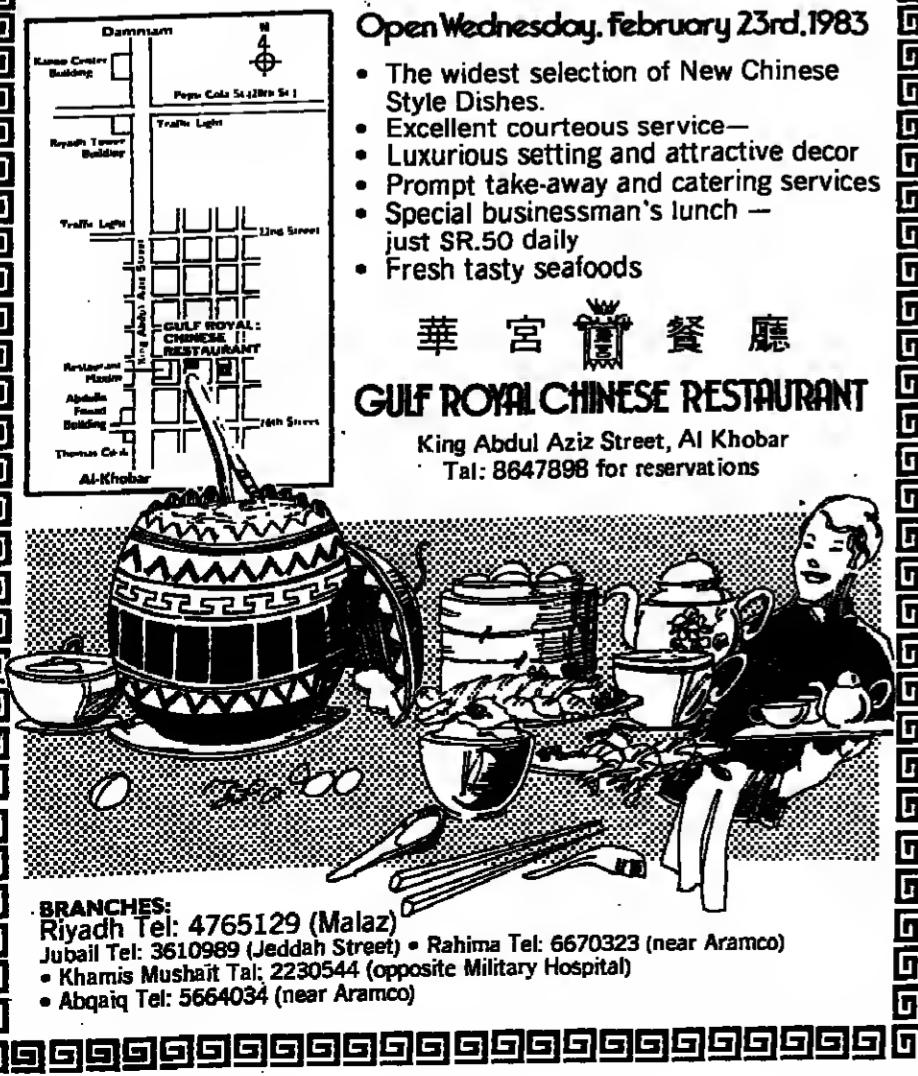
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The hard-line governments of El Salvador and Guatemala.

The summit got some welcome economic news from Bangladesh leader Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad who said that U.S. President Ronald Reagan had responded with "positive elements" to queries on the American position on stalled North-South talks.

Conferees spokesman Mani Shanker Aiyer said the ministers had no difficulty reaching a consensus on some matters of general agreement, such as condemning the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and South Africa's go-slow tactics in granting independence to Southwest Africa — Namibia.

There were differences over the Iran-Iraq war. The delegations of the two warring nations bombarded other delegates and the 1,600 journalists accredited to the summit with conflicting and contradictory propaganda pamphlets about the fighting.

A majority of delegations appeared to support summit Chairman Indira Gandhi's appeal to Iran and Iraq to "end their tragic war." But rival groups formed in the committee talks, with Syria and Libya lining up in support of Iran and most other Arab countries in support of Iraq.

Another ideological split among the nonaligned nations appeared over the fighting in Central America, with Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada strongly supporting the leftist "liberation movements" and most other Latin American members supporting

## Arabs exchange views

NEW DELHI, March 8 (R) — A flurry of backstage Arab diplomacy took place at the nonaligned summit Tuesday as Egypt, ostracized by other Arab states since its 1979 peace pact with Israel, made up for lost time.

President Hosni Mubarak met Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, the rulers of Qatar and Kuwait and Iraqi Vice President Taha Marouf after talks Monday with King Hussein of Jordan.

In another path-breaking meeting, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat assured Gemayel Monday night he was ready to pull out his remaining commandos from Lebanon to facilitate an Israeli withdrawal. A PLO spokesman said there were no plans for an early meeting between Mubarak and Arafat. But he played down differences between the PLO and Egypt, and Mubarak appeared to do the same.

In his summit speech, the president did not repeat charges he made before leaving Cairo that the PLO had interfered in Egyptian affairs.

Mubarak said the Israeli occupation of Lebanon jeopardized peace efforts and created a grave precedent of intervention in the affairs of small countries. Once Israel had withdrawn, efforts should be revived for settlement of the Palestinian problem, he said.

Monday night's meeting between Arafat and Gemayel was the first since the Lebanese President took office following last year's Israeli invasion which forced most of the PLO's commandos to leave the country.

Gemayel also exchanged greetings with President Hafez Assad of Syria, which has about 25,000 troops deployed in Lebanon.

PLO spokesman Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizer denounced President Reagan's Middle East peace plan as hypocritical, saying it was designed to block the rights of Palestinians.



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## Reagan call to pursue missile plan

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AFP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan said Tuesday there was now need to go ahead with plans to deploy Pershing-2 missiles in West Germany following conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl's electoral victory there Sunday.

"We know the Soviets will not negotiate seriously unless they see such U.S. programs as the MX missile and the Pershing deployment actually under way," Reagan told a group of U.S. congressional representatives, according to White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Chancellor Kohl has promised to stand by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) decision to start deploying the missiles by year-end if there is no progress at the U.S.-Soviet Euromissile reduction talks in Europe.

Testifying at hearing of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, Burt said: "The No. 1 objective of Soviet policy remains to derail INF (intermediate-range nuclear force) deployments in Europe."

arrangements are still the subject of discussion by the two delegations," Sayegh added. He told reporters the 22nd round of talks would be Thursday in the Israeli town of Netanya north of Tel Aviv.

Sayegh earlier said chief Israeli delegate David Kimche told the plenary session here his government wanted "a very limited trade exchange" with Lebanon as a symbol of the two nations' postwar relationship.

"The aim behind the movement of goods is not economic advantage, but to symbolize the hoped-for new relationship," Kimche was quoted by Sayegh as saying.

# Chinese aide leaves after oil discussions

By Philip Shehadi  
Arab News staff

JEDDAH, March 8 — Y.S. Chen, president of the Chinese Petroleum Corp. (CPC), has left the Kingdom for Kuwait after a week-long tour he described as a "get acquainted" visit. During his first trip to Saudi Arabia, Chen met with senior Petromin and Ministry of Petroleum officials and viewed industrial projects in Jubail.

Saudi Arabia is Taiwan's most important supplier of LPG and crude oil. Under long-term contracts signed with Petromin last December, CPC will receive 50,000 barrels per day of Saudi crude over the next three years and some 150,000 tons per year of LPG over the next five years. In addition, CPC buys 90,000 b/d of Saudi crude from Aramco partners under long-term contracts.

Chen said the contracts are now being implemented, although he noted that LPG deliveries for the first quarter of this year will be one-third below contracted quantities because of a temporary shortage of Saudi LPG.

Among officials receiving Chen during his

visit were Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taber and Deputy Governors Jamal Jawa, Ali Al-Rubaishi and Abdul Aziz Al-Zamzami.

"Our relationship with Saudi Arabia is very important to us," Chen told *Arab News*. He said that while quantities of Saudi crude imported over the last five years have remained the same, the Saudi share in Taiwan's crude imports has risen and now accounts for 44 percent of the total. Taiwan does not produce crude oil of its own and requires about 320,000 b/d.

The crude contract signed last December is Taiwan's first long-term contract with Petromin; previous ones were for only one year.

Chen said that Saudi Arabia's relatively high prices for crude did not discourage CPC. "A long-term, stable supply is more important to us," he said. According to the contract, prices will change according to government-established levels, although Chen was unable to ascertain during his visit whether or not any price cut would be applied retroactively.

Chen said he hoped that OPEC members meeting today in London would reach an



Y. S. Chen

accord on a lower OPEC benchmark. "A price reduction would be good for our economy," he said. "A drastic reduction would not be good news, but a moderate one to help stabilize the world economy would be welcome."

On another topic, Chen said he would like to see CPC boost its exploration activities in the Middle East.

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## Civil servants urged to honor office hours

RIYADH, March 8 — King Fahd has again enjoined upon all civil servants to respect office hours. *Al-Nadwa* reported Tuesday. The King has ordered all ministries, government departments and corporations to see to it that their staff abide by official office hours and do not leave their desks without a valid excuse.

The King was acting upon a recommendation by Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, the minister of pilgrimage and endowments, on the necessity to adopt more efficient measures to end the fashion of officials disregarding office hours or leaving their desks while on duty without excuse.

Similarly, the president of the Investigation and Correction Committee had written to the King on the propagation of such an attitude on the part of civil servants, to an extent that shows their laxity and nonchalance at work. He also noted that their superiors and chiefs were too lenient and failed to supervise them properly, because they themselves were not punctual.

In his circular, King Fahd stressed the necessity to spread and consolidate the idea of self-control in all government departments, because it strengthens the sense of responsibility and prevents administrative and financial violations.

The King said that undisciplined officials must be controlled and their attention must be drawn to their inadequate service.

Meanwhile, King Fahd Tuesday received the Ulema and Sheikhs as is customary every week. The audience was attended by Crown Prince Abdullah.



PAINTING EXHIBITION: An exhibition displaying 102 paintings by celebrities from various countries opens in Jeddah Wednesday. Shown here is a painting depicting a traditional Arab dance.

51 artists participating

## Painting exhibit opens today

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 8 — An exhibition of paintings by 51 celebrated artists will be inaugurated by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Al-Farsi at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery Wednesday evening, said gallery officer Hisham Ayesh, who is participating in the show.

Ayesh told *Arab News* 17 Saudi Arabian artists, 17 from other Arab countries and an equal number of artists from various other nations will display their works ranging from abstract and classic to cubic and modern.

"This is our second exhibition of this type. Last year we had 50 artists and every year we will raise the number by one," said Ayesh. The show will remain open until March 17.

Some of the Saudi Arabian artists participating in the exhibition include Taha Sabban, Abdullah Nawabi, Hisham Binjawi, Bakr Sekhon, Salma Kasciri, Atedal Attawi and Fouzia Abdul Lateef. The participants from other Arab countries include Butheja Muhammad from Algeria; Leyla Farra from Lebanon; Nadia Mustafa from Egypt; Tahar Ahmad Saleh from Sudan; Tanveer Shams from Pakistan and Hisham Ayesh from Syria.

The artists from other countries include Gabriel Mazzara from Italy; Frans Opden Kamp from West Germany; Mistie Guimmi from Italy; Joe Hopfman and Kay Frederick Daudashy, both American, and Emilia Rosa, a Filipino artist.

Ayesh said every participant is allowed to



Hisham Ayesh

display two paintings only "on cash and carry basis", one with no more than 110cm with another 50 by 70cm.

"The art gallery has also organized painting competition for children of the age group of six to 14 years," said Ayesh. Each child will be allowed to display one piece of a minimum size of 30 by 40cm, which should be received by the gallery two days prior to the opening of the show on March 21.

## BRIEFS

### Building for the poor

MAKKAH — A ten-story, 160-room building to provide free accommodation to the poor has been built here at the cost of SR15 million, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The "Ribat" (charitable house) will be ready before next Ramadan to house 1,200 needy persons, according to Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Al-Tuwaijeri, vice president of the Court of Cassation in the Western Province and supervisor of the project. The basement will be used as a mosque and the ground floor for commercial shops whose proceeds will be spent on maintenance.

### New Telephone lines

RIYADH — Some 154,000 new lines will be added to telephone networks throughout Saudi Arabia to bring the total number of lines to 787,000 by the end of 1983 — a 24 percent increase over last year, *Al-Riyadh* reported. A spokesman for the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones said that



Horse race

RIYADH (SPA) — The 20th horse racing event of the season took place Monday afternoon at Al-Malazza race track. Prizes for the four races totaled SR49,000. Prizes and cups were distributed by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, the rector of King Saud University. A large number of princes, prominent personalities and horse fans attended the races.

By Devaras Kini  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 8 — Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, has opened one of the largest Spanish exhibitions in the Kingdom. The function was attended by Luis Velasco Ramírez, Spanish deputy commerce minister, Julian García Valverde, vice president of INI (Instituto Nacional de Industria),

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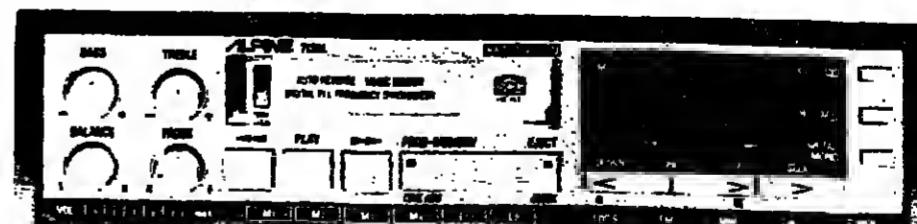
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# Cabinet stresses OPEC unity, affirms support for Palestinians

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — For the second week in a row, the Council of Ministers, at its regular Monday session under King Fahd, reaffirmed its keenness on maintaining the unity of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and upholding the unanimous decisions of the Palestinian people.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the cabinet reviewed the outcome of King Fahd's recent meeting with Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure, the president of Guinea Bissau, and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Arafat briefed the King on the meetings of the Palestine National Council held in Algiers recently and the PLO plan for a just

and comprehensive peace.

Dr. Yamani said that King Fahd expressed to Arafat Saudi Arabia's all-out support for whatever decisions reflecting Palestinian will and consensus. The King assured Arafat that Saudi Arabia will continue to support and assist the honorable action of the Palestinians toward the full recovery of their rights, including the right to regain their territory and homeland and set up an independent state on their national soil.

King Fahd said the Arab world has frankly and clearly spelled out its position at the Fuz conference, unambiguously defined its attitude and announced its desire for a just and equitable peace.

"We are all happy for the positive international stands we feel or hear about and which, if anything, show how much the world comprehends our cause. We have to keep on working genuinely, consciously and sincerely until God willing, we fulfill our honest and legitimate objectives," King Fahd said.

Turning to the meetings and consultations currently under way among OPEC countries and between OPEC members and non-members, to agree on a unified production and pricing policy for the coming period, the cabinet renewed the Kingdom's concern for preserving the unity of OPEC and safeguarding its future. The cabinet said that this purpose could be achieved through abidance by the organization's decisions and keenness to adopt common attitudes that would take care of the interests of both the oil producers and the consumers and protect the world from any economic upheavals or dangers. "In other words, the interest of the international community must always be borne in mind."

Dr. Yamani said that the cabinet then reviewed a report on the results of the Nonaligned Movement's foreign ministerial conference in New Delhi. King Fahd said, "We wish every success to the nonaligned

summit." He added that he was confident that such a great assembly will adopt attitudes and resolutions that, while fostering the Nonaligned Movement, will help resolve international problems in an equitable manner. He also said, "I hope that the conference will manage to find adequate solutions to current world issues."

The cabinet then examined certain aspects of Saudi Arabia's agricultural policy and the phases that have so far been accomplished toward agricultural development. It expressed its satisfaction with the steps taken and which "undoubtedly herald an era of prosperity and make the Kingdom optimistic about achieving self-sufficiency which every Saudi aspires for."

Dr. Yamani said that, next, the cabinet discussed the founding of Tabuk Agricultural Development joint stock company and was briefed on the subject by Dr. Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water and acting commerce minister. The cabinet agreed to give a license to that Saudi Arabian company with an SR300 million capital. The company will specialize in agricultural investment, more particularly in all types of animal wealth development. Similar companies have already been set up and become operational.

Furthermore, the cabinet agreed to raise Saudi Arabia's rate of contribution to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) from 1.5 percent to three percent, in accordance with the decision adopted by the bank's executive board, authorizing such an increase for Saudi Arabia. A royal decree to this effect has been prepared for ratification.

The cabinet also approved Saudi Arabia's joining the International Maritime Satellite Organization in the light of a report by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, the minister of posts, telegraph and telephones.

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## Hyatt Regency introduces film library

By Javid Hassan  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 8 — The Hyatt Regency Hotel has set up a film library both in Riyadh and Jeddah as part of a refresher course for the various categories of hotel staff. The library has 31 films, all imported from the United States, depicting different aspects of catering, room service, fire protection etc. The films are shown on a weekly basis. Vittorio Terzini, general manager, told *Arab News*. He said the film library is the only one of its kind offered by any hotel in the Kingdom.

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The interior decoration, according to Saleh A. Itani, director of public relations, was done by architect Freddie Bishara of Inter-Redec. The suites were constructed last month. Each room has three-channel music, jumbo size TV set, and video for showing Arabic and English films. Telephone directories are also available for 30 cities all over the world.

To meet the new gastronomic demands the management is recruiting chefs from Tokyo, Italy, and some Asian countries. A training program has also been launched with the help of an expert based in Dubai.

## French delicacies at Red Sea Palace

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 8 — The Red Sea Palace Hotel here has launched a "Paris Market" gastronomical week. At first glance, the idea may sound as if it is one of those French food festivals. The case is not so at the Red Sea Palace where one is assured of a dinner to remember.

Apart from the fresh sea-bass with fennel being a supreme delicacy, the hotel's restaurant offers a choice of appetizers, entrees and

## Indian firm wins Asir power project

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 8 — The Indian company Best and Crompton has been selected to implement a SR80 million electrification project in Asir region. The project covers about 500 villages in Sarat Obaid, Aljowah and Alfarsah areas, according to an Indian Embassy spokesman.

The Rezyat Group's National Contracting Company in Alkhobar, which had won the contract from SCECO (South), has nominated the Indian company as their official sub-contractors for the entire work.

The contract involves 746 kilometers of 33 KV and LVOH line on wooden poles with conductors manufactured in Saudi Arabia, and 640 poles mounted transformer stations with 50, 100 and 200 KVA and 7850 service connections.

This will be the first project by the Indian company in the Kingdom. It has carried out projects in a number of countries, including Burma, Sri Lanka, Libya and Nigeria.

Best and Crompton has been in the fields of electrical engineering and power development in India and overseas for more than 60 years.

The "Paris Market" gastronomical week continues through March 12.

## Indira hails King's role

RIYADH, March 8 (SPA) — Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi has praised King Fahd's big role in strengthening the Nonaligned Movement. In an interview with *Al-Bilad* newspaper, Mrs. Gandhi said efforts exerted by King Fahd to bring about an end to the Iraq-Iran war would bear fruit shortly.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states are expected to present a three-point plan to end the war and establish a special fund for repairing war damages in the two countries, she added.

Mrs. Gandhi said the seventh nonaligned summit will discuss the current Arab situation and call for solidarity with the Palestinian people.

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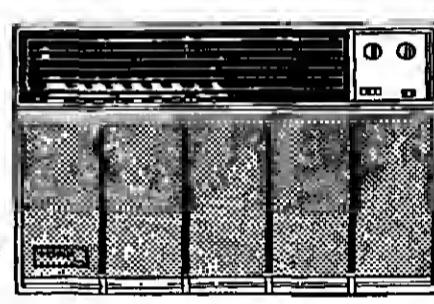
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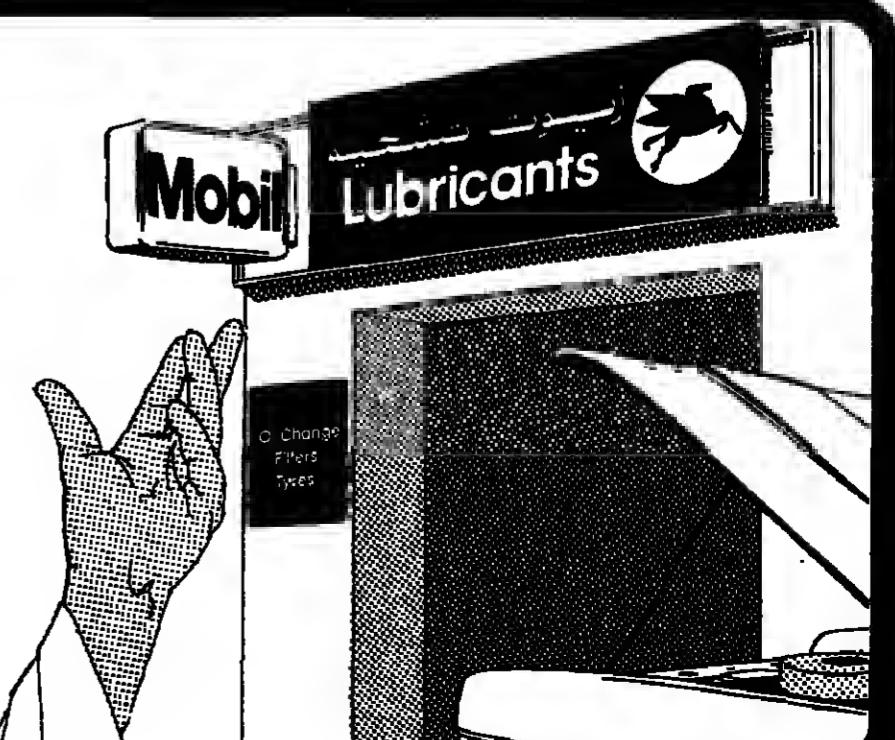
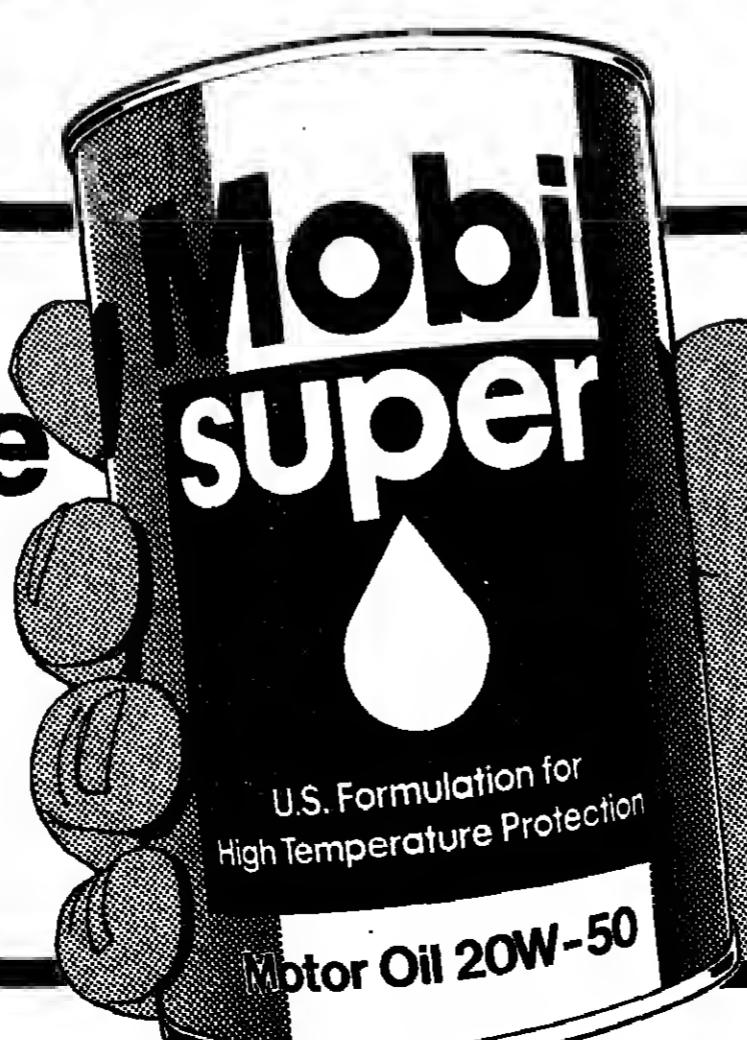
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**Lobbying for Camp David****Carter holds parleys with PLO aides**

CAIRO, March 8 (R) — Former President Jimmy Carter said Tuesday he met officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) during a one-week visit to Egypt and that he might meet more Palestinian leaders before completing his Middle East tour.

Carter later arrived in Tel Aviv on the next stage of his trip which will also take him to Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He is due to meet Prime Minister Menahem Begin and other Israeli leaders and has plans to visit Palestinian leaders in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan though without official Israeli help in arranging that part of his stay.

Before leaving Cairo, he told an airport news conference: "On this trip I will meet whoever I choose as a private citizen. Some of the people I meet will be, I am sure, members of the PLO. Some of those I meet here are PLO members. It would not be appropriate for me to disclose their names."

PLO officials in Cairo said Carter had met two members of the PLO executive committee, Ahmad Sidqi Dajani and Nahil Shaat. The meeting took place two days ago in Luxor, site of Egypt's most famous tombs and temples.

Carter, who steered Egypt and Israel to their peace treaty in 1979, described his talks with the PLO as informal. "I am not recognizing the PLO and I am not negotiating with the PLO," he added.

During his term of office, his administration made tentative overtures toward a dialogue with the PLO but was held back by

**TPLF claims war gains**

JEDDAH, March 8 — More than 1250 Ethiopian troops have been killed or wounded between Feb. 16 and 27 while conducting a major military campaign against the Tigray People's Liberation Front, the group fighting against the government has announced.

In a military communiqué, issued here Tuesday, the TPLF said that it had repulsed a three-pronged attack by the Ethiopian Army. The attack, was aimed at the western part of Tigray, the stronghold of the resistance fighters. The latest in the series of attacks by the Ethiopians was an attempt to dislodge fighters from the strategic mountains of Tahtay Adyabo. About 265 soldiers were killed and an unspecified number wounded, in addition to two taken prisoner during the battle, the TPLF communiqué claimed.

Government troops, supported with MiG fighter planes, Mi24 gunship helicopters, BM21 rocket launchers and foreign military advisers, began their attack Feb. 26 on the Tahtay Adyabo mountains. The Ethiopian Army was attacked at Tsada-Midri by the TPLF. The ambush left 40 government soldiers killed.

Earlier in February, the Ethiopian Army moved into southern Tigray from the port town of Assab and Wollo province. After attacks at Kukur (Feb. 22), Dareda (Feb. 24) and Maru (Feb. 25) the Ethiopians retreated leaving behind 244 dead, of whom one

**BRIEFS**

DHAKA (AP) — At least 81 people have died of cholera since February in Pirojpur subdivision about 400 kilometers south of Dhaka near the mouth of the Ganges River, officials said Tuesday.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli authorities Tuesday clamped a curfew on the Palestinian refugee camps of Dayishah and Ayida in the Bethlehem region of the West Bank after demonstrations there against the presence of Jewish settlers, Palestinian sources said.

TYRE, Southern Lebanon (AFP) — Israeli officials allowed prisoners at Ansar near here to receive packages from their families for the first time since the camp was set up nine months ago after the Israeli invasion.

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon embarked on a new mission Monday to assert government authority in Beirut and enlarge the army. In the first compulsory draft since Lebanon's independence in 1943, young men began signing up for military service. Gemayef had ordered all 18-year-old males to register for army service as part of a plan to increase the army from its present 21,600 men to 60,000 by 1985.

BOMBAY (AP) — An Iranian national was arrested here Saturday for ignoring police orders not to leave his residence during the 7th nonaligned movement summit meeting in New Delhi, police sources said Monday. Donosti Ali Reza, living in Pune, about 190 kilometers west of here, was arrested in Dongri in central Bombay.

BAGHDAD (R) — A middle-aged Iraqi has donated 242 bottles of his blood to his compatriots during the past decade, the daily *Al-Jumhuriyah* reported Tuesday. Othman Ahmad Jamil, an oil worker from Baghdad, told the paper he began to donate blood 10 years ago when he saved the life of a child who was having an operation in a Baghdad hospital.

CAIRO (AP) — The presiding judge in the trial of 300 activists, charged with attempting to overthrow the government, on Monday ordered the prosecutor to use "appropriate force" to bring to the court 22 defendants who claimed being sick and refused to attend.

BEIRUT (AFP) — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens' recent statement that Israel should make security arrangements in southern Lebanon a priority instead of normalization of relations between the two countries could help break the impasse in Israeli-Lebanese-U.S. negotiations, observers here said.

NEW DELHI (API) — Nearly 80 Afghan exiles were briefly arrested Monday while protesting the participation of Afghan Prime Minister Sultan Ali Kishtmand in the 7th nonaligned summit.

**Rabbani leads attack on Soviet target**

ISLAMABAD, March 8 (AFP) — Afghan resistance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani, a former Kabul University professor, entered Afghanistan for the first time in three years last Wednesday and led an attack on a Soviet military post in the suburbs of Khost in Paktia province, Mujahideen sources said. No details of the action were available, however.

Rabbani is defense chief for the Six-party Amalgam of the Afghan Mujahideen. His Jamiat Islami Afghanistan Party is reportedly active in several eastern and northern Afghan provinces. The Soviet-backed regime of Afghan President Babrak Karmal describes him as an enemy of the Marxist revolution, a "bandit leader" wanted for "crimes against humanity."

A resistance spokesman said Rabbani had visited opposition strongholds around Khost, where some 10,000 Soviet troops have reportedly been sent to flush out resistance enclaves in Paktia province.

He fled when Soviet and Afghan forces began shelling his hideout, returning to Pesawar Sunday, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Radio Kabul, monitored here, said Monday that the Afghan government had shortened or suspended the jail terms of an unspecified number of women prisoners to mark International Women's Day.

**Burg not to run for presidency**

TEL AVIV, March 8 (AFP) — Interior Minister Yossef Burg said he will not be a candidate to succeed Yitzhak Navon as president of Israel.

Burg, leader of the National Religious Party, who was supported by Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Monday "I do not want to be the candidate of one section of public opinion."

The interior minister, who had looked the best placed for the largely ceremonial post, failed to win backing from the opposition Labor Party and therefore judged he did not have a "national consensus."

Burg's rejection of the candidacy with just three days to go before the deadline set by the Knesset will pose a problem to the parliament. But the deadline can be extended by a few days before the April 22 elections to replace Navon who is retiring from politics.

In a report covering such crimes before the installation of martial law, the office said 737 were currently being held under the legal 45-day detention period before charges must be formally laid, while another 14,801 were currently on trial. Since the military coup, 23 political prisoners have been executed and 107 sentenced to life sentences.

Around 90 percent of Turkey's political prisoners are described by the office as belonging to "left-wing terrorist movements" or "separatist groups", usually led by Communists.

Meanwhile, another 11,000 trade unionists, journalists and former members of parliament are also standing trial but have not been detained.

Justice Minister Ifat Bayazi said on Feb.



MINE EXPLOSION: Eighty-two coalminers were killed and 86 injured in a mine explosion near the Turkish Black Sea port of Eregli. Photo shows an unidentified survivor being rushed to hospital.

(Wirephoto)

17 that an amnesty was "out of the question."

Meanwhile, a martial law prosecutor asked a six-year prison sentence for Nadir Nadi, the publisher and chief editorial writer of Istanbul's *Cumhuriyet*, in a trial that opened Monday. The managing editor of the paper, *Okey Gonensiz*, was also on trial, risking five years in prison if convicted.

Actress Isik Yenerlu also went on trial here Monday at martial law court on charges of "defaming" Turkey by taking part in a poetry reading in Paris last December. If convicted, she could be sentenced to one to six years in prison.

**Syria vows to repulse aggression**

DAMASCUS, March 8 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf Kasm said Syria was prepared to confront any aggression with the support of the Soviet Union and other friendly countries.

Kasm was speaking at a special cabinet meeting held on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the revolution which brought the Baath Party to power.

"We in Syria are prepared to face every aggression by depending on ourselves and the support of the struggling and friendly peoples, particularly the Soviet Union," Kasm said. "Let every aggressor realize that he will find explosive ground and blazing skies in Syria."

American officials have sharply criticized the deployment of SAM-5 long-range air defense missiles in Syria which the U.S. says are manned by Soviet experts.

Meanwhile, Syrian ambassador to Tehran said his country has entered into a "holy alliance" with Iran for the destruction of alien forces.

**Israeli doctors stage walkout**

TEL AVIV, March 8 (AP) — Israel's 8,500 public sector doctors walked off their jobs Tuesday to intensify their wage war against the government.

The doctors vowed to ignore back-to-work orders issued by the government to some 40 percent of the strikers. The head of the Israel Medical Association urged applauding physicians to walk out of the nation's hospitals and clinics.

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## Tells panel of Central American fears

# Kirkpatrick wants Salvador aid rushed

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP) — Central Americans fear that guerrillas in El Salvador threaten a "contagion" that could spread as far as Mexico and Panama, Jeane I. Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Monday.

In testimony before a congressional panel, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said she was making three recommendations on the basis of her five-nation trip last month to Central America:

An immediate increase in military aid to El Salvador to face in some cases better-equipped guerrillas.

Extension of both long-term and short-term economic aid to Central America.

Allowing Central American countries to organize a conference to address regional problems without U.S. involvement.

Republican Sen. Bob Kasten of Wisconsin, subcommittee chairman, said he believed a consensus was being reached in Congress to

## Baltic dissidents held

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 8 (AP) — A leading Estonian dissident was arrested by Soviet security police in the Estonian city of Tartu, an exile source said.

Other Baltic exile sources in the West said mass house searches and a number of arrests took place in Latvia in the last few months.

Soviet security police conducted house searches and interrogated 15 Estonian dissidents before arresting Lagle Parek last Saturday, said Anto Kippur, head of an Estonian exile organization based in Stockholm.

Mrs. Parek, a 42-year-old architect, is a leading member of an unofficial Estonian group which monitors alleged Soviet violations of the 1975 Helsinki agreement on human rights, Kippur said. She was transferred to the central prison in Tallinn, the Estonian capital, for further interrogations pending trial, he said.

It was not known if formal charges had been raised but Kippur said Mrs. Parek could face up to seven years behind bars for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. He explained she had signed several appeals protesting alleged Soviet violations of human rights in Estonia lately.

Four other members of the group were sentenced to four to 15 years in labor camps or similar charges in recent years, he said.

The Soviet Union occupied the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania during World War II and subsequently annexed

El Salvador or success by the guerrillas would lead very quickly to a full-scale focus on Honduras next, which there are already a number of evidences of, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama, roughly in that order.

"In the region one hears again and again that Mexico is not immune to this contagion any more than any of the rest of them."

She said the situation was not yet "critical" but would be if the Soviet bloc continued to support guerrillas heavily while the United States dramatically reduced its aid to the Salvadoran government.

Central Americans were afraid that U.S. aid was declining because the United States did not realize the size of the threat, with heavy Soviet bloc campaigns on the propaganda and on the military fronts, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said.

"They all, by the way, are very well informed about the military buildup in Nicaragua," she said. "They know something about the kinds and amounts of Soviet arms that are entering the area."

"The guerrillas are often better armed than the (Salvadoran) government," she said.

Meanwhile, Democratic and Republican congressional leaders were to receive a briefing from President Reagan at the White House Tuesday on his latest thinking on how best to help the Salvadoran government.

Reagan disclosed last week he wants to send an additional \$60 million in military aid to El Salvador this year. A senior presidential aide, Edwin Meese, has suggested nearly doubling, from 55 to 100, the current ceiling on American military advisers.

## China opposes missile shift

PEKING, March 8 (AP) — China opposes a Soviet proposal to move some of its SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe to the Far East because it won't save Europe and will threaten Asia, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

"Moving of SS-20 missiles from one area to another can by no means reduce the threat to Europe but aggravate the threat to the Far East and Asia," said Oi Huayuan, director of the ministry's information department.

Qi, reading a prepared statement, told a regular press briefing that nuclear weapons should be destroyed instead of being moved from one area to another. "To ensure progress in disarmament, both the Soviet Union and the United States should drastically cut their nuclear weapons of all types," he said.

He declined to answer questions and said the statement was in response to questions submitted by correspondents during the week.

The Soviet Union has offered to withdraw some of the SS-20s, possibly to Asia, if the United States and its NATO allies agree not to deploy new medium-range nuclear range missiles in Europe. The United States says it wants both sides to eliminate all medium-range missiles in Europe.

Oi also said China hopes to develop relations with East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. Relations have improved in recent years, he said. "This is in the interest of China and these countries."

Increased trade and economic, cultural, sports, academic and other exchanges have been taking place between China and the Eastern bloc.

## Barbie to be back in cell

LYONS, France, March 8 (R) — Convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, recovering in hospital from an operation for a strangulated intestine, will return to his prison cell in a few days, his doctor said Tuesday.

Professor Roger Lombard-Platte, who operated on the 69-year-old former Lyons Gestapo chief on Saturday, said Barbie was recovering as well as could be expected for a man of his age.

Barbie, awaiting trial for crimes against humanity, is recovering from the operation in one of two special prepared detention wards at the Edouard Herriot hospital. He is being watched by an elite police squad which has been guarding him since he arrived in France after being expelled from Bolivia on Feb. 5.

Professor Lombard-Platte said Barbie would be taken directly back to his cell at Saint Joseph Prison in a few days. French radio said Monday the authorities were considering moving him to a more secure location. Legal sources said Barbie's daughter, 42-year-old Mrs. Ute Messner, had returned to her home in Kufstein, Austria, Monday night after failing to get permission to see him a second time.

She arrived in Lyons on Saturday and obtained permission to see her father. After a visit of just over an hour she told reporters that her father was sick, suffering from a nervous disorder. Medical sources said that as well as the hernia and nervous condition, Barbie had a minor kidney ailment.

The newspaper *Le Figaro* Tuesday quoted warders guarding Barbie as saying that before her arrival he was very depressed and could think only of the visit of his daughter. Barbie's wife and son are dead and his daughter is his only known close relative.



Mrs. Ute Messner, Barbie's daughter

## S. Africa nun charged

KRUGERSDORP, South Africa, March 8 (R) — A Roman Catholic nun appeared in court Monday charged with furthering the aims of the banned African National Congress (ANC), which is pledged to overthrow white rule in South Africa.

Mary Bernard Ncube, who was detained by security police last Friday, was not asked to plead at the magistrate's court hearing in Krugersdorp, 25 kilometers west of Johannesburg, and the case was postponed until March 22. She was released from police custody.

## FBI probe guidelines eased

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP) — U.S. Attorney General William French Smith relaxed the rules governing surveillance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on national groups that advocate social change through violence.

The new rules replace guidelines issued by Attorney General Edward Levi in 1976, which were designed to curb a series of abuses by the FBI uncovered by congressional committees.

The committees found that during the 1960s and early 1970s the FBI infiltrated anti-Vietnam war groups, civil rights groups and the women's liberation movement; conducted illegal break-ins; and tried to disrupt such organizations and undermine their leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr.

Smith said the new guidelines for investigating domestic security and domestic terrorism cases, which take effect March 21, "will clarify the standards governing these investigations and reaffirm the importance of gathering criminal intelligence about violence-prone groups while retaining adequate protections for lawful and peaceful

## U.K. home defense force proposed

LONDON, March 8 (AP) — A committee of former military commanders Monday proposed creation of a home defense force of 750,000 volunteers to help defend Britain against invasion.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, a former chief of the defense staff, said the force would be in addition to Britain's regular army of 163,100 men and women, its regular reserves of 139,600 and the 70,200-strong territorial army, used in times of national emergency.

"Defense begins at home," Hill-Norton told a news conference. "A home defense force will make an enormous difference by filling up an obvious hole in our defensive stocking. It will have a role in the prevention or pinning down of hostile landings."

"But perhaps the most important role is that of timely intelligence. It will constitute a sort of outpost warning system and will provide essential intelligence for the regular and territorial armies."

Officials of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government stressed the committee was made up of private individuals, and its proposals would be considered "on their merits."

## BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — Princess Michael of Kent was Monday attacked by a man wearing wolf's clothing as she toured *The Daily Mail* newspaper's ideal home exhibition here. The princess, wearing a wool outfit of black and red, with a feathered black hat, had just left a show house and was making her way to another exhibition stand when a man dressed as a cat stopped her. As she paused to listen to him, another man, described as tall and wearing an outsize wolf's head with bare teeth, plunged out of the crowd and lunged toward her neck as if to bite it. The princess reportedly said "oh" and recoiled as the detective who guards her plunged forward and dragged the man away.

LONDON (AP) — Veteran British movie actor David Niven, 73, has left London's private Wellington Hospital where he was admitted nine days ago suffering from a nervous disease, the hospital reported Tuesday. It was not immediately known where he went after leaving. His publicist, Theo Cowan, told reporters Monday: "David's fine. He's receiving treatment and is coming along nicely."

VIENNA (R) — Czechoslovak dissident playwright Vaclav Havel, who has been seri-

ously ill with pneumonia, was released from hospital last Friday, emigre sources said here. The international known dramatist and founding member of the Charter 77 human rights movement was serving a four-and-a-half year prison sentence on charges of subversion.

ANTIBES, France (AP) — Russian-born Igor Marievitch, one of the leading conductors and composers of the 20th century, died in this Riviera hospital Monday following a heart attack, the hospital announced. He was 70.

ROME (AP) — Cathy Berberian, 57, an American Mezzosoprano who was a leading performer of avant-garde music, died of a heart attack in Rome on Sunday. Italian news agencies and friends of the family reported Monday.

ROME (R) — Sir William Walton, the British composer, died of a heart attack at his home on the Italian island of Ischia early Tuesday, a British Embassy spokesman said. Sir William, 80, had lived on Ischia, just off the Naples coastline, for many years. He was knighted in 1951. His output ranged from incidental film music to full-scale concertos and symphonies.

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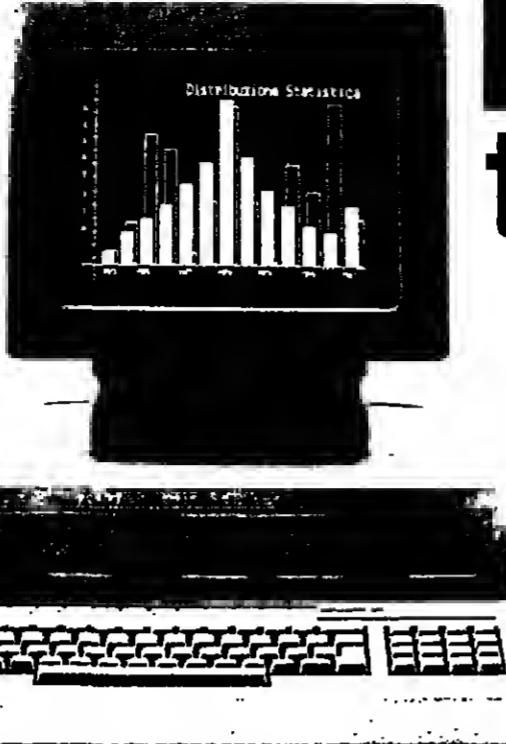
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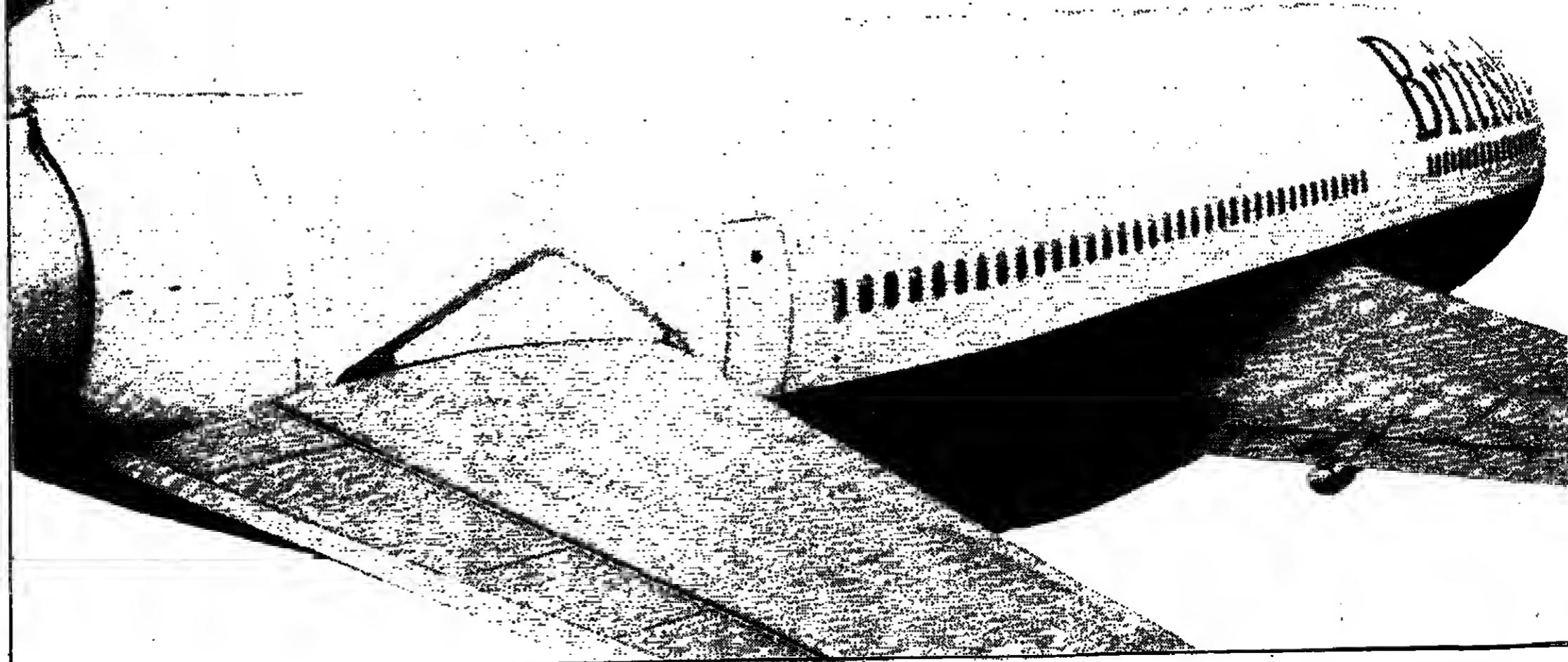
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## FRENCH CIVIC ELECTIONS

In West Germany, the right had been expected to do well in last Sunday's election — as it, in fact, did. Not so in France, which held the first round of its municipal elections the same day: the polls predicted that President Mitterrand's Socialist Party and their Communist allies might suffer a few losses to the right-wing Gaullist/Giscardian alliance, but nothing on the scope of what actually happened. The scale of their reversal has stunned the Socialists and Communists as much as it has delighted the right, who with 50.9 percent of the vote, are now claiming to be the "majority" political force in France.

It is almost as if the French, after a short two years of socialism, are now having second thoughts about it. The left is desperately trying to claim that the defeat is not as great as the 1977 landslide when they gained 60 major towns from the right, but the facts speak for themselves. Not only has the right obtained a slightly higher percentage of the vote than the left received in 1977, they have also made some spectacular gains such as Grenoble and Avignon — not to mention in Paris where they have emerged triumphant in 18 of the capital's electoral districts. They look set to grab the remaining two this Sunday, when the 200 or so municipalities throughout the country, where there were no clear winners the first round, are to be recontested.

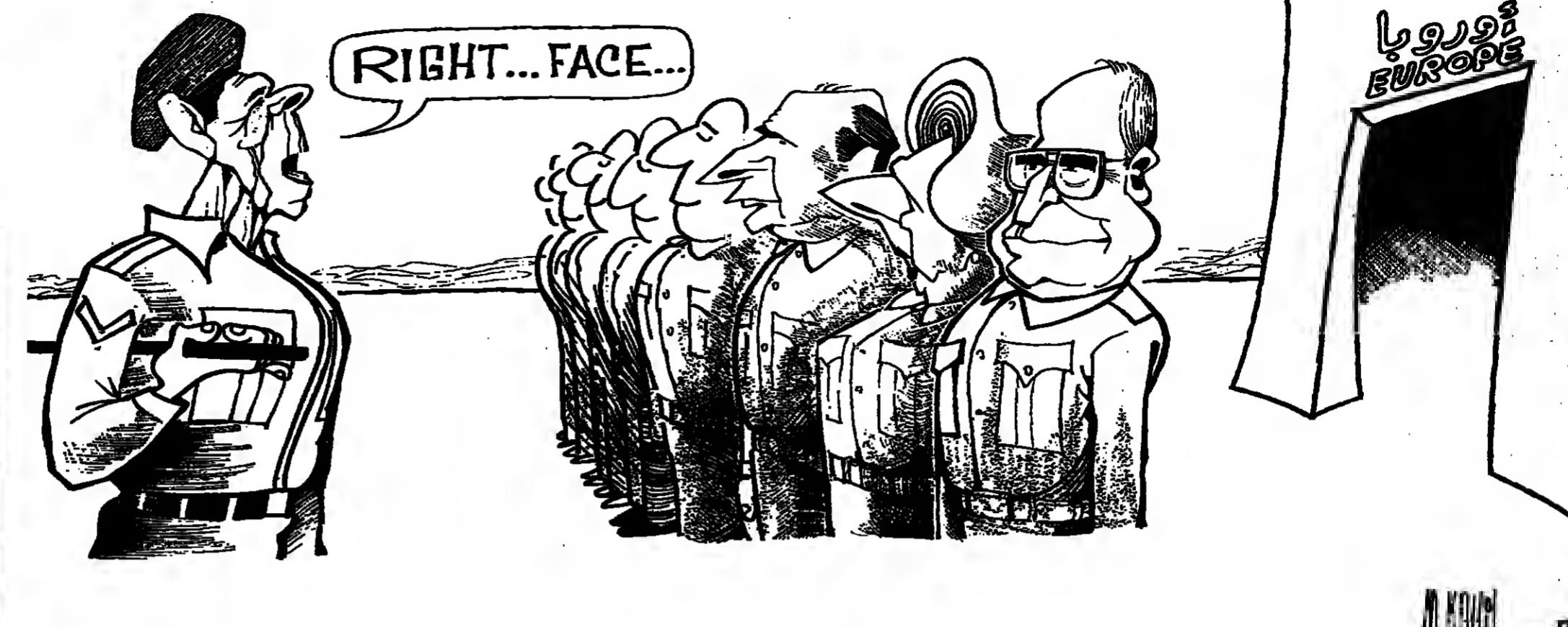
The left may not be too concerned about their near-annihilation in Paris, which was partly the result of demographic changes, nor with the loss of such towns as Brest, Nantes, Grasse and Rheims, which were gained in the 1977 windfall and now might perhaps be considered as reverting to their natural allegiance. However, the loss of heavy industrial centers near Lille, such as Roubaix and Tourcoing — where previously there was not even one right-wing member on the council — is a massive blow to their morale. True, as they point out, the right may not have regained all the towns they lost in 1977, but that itself is not important; most of them, in fact, are still undecided and the final result will not be known till after Sunday. (The signs are, however, that many more will revert to right-wing control and the current estimate is that at the end of the day, the right will have gained some 60 towns altogether.)

What is important is that the right has made a spectacular recovery only two years after the French electorate decided to install a Socialist government, and, secondly, that the right is making gains in traditional Socialist and Communist heartlands. In Marseilles, for example, which the Socialists have controlled for the past 30 years, affairs are on a knife edge: the first ballot was inconclusive and the interior minister, Gaston Defferre, is struggling to keep control of the city.

Two clear signs have emerged from these elections. One is that while the French are still somewhat apolitical in their voting habits when it comes to the smaller municipalities and the rural areas (preferring the right man for the right job) it is clear that national politics is the determining factor in the larger towns and cities.

Secondly, amongst the Socialists, the younger men seem to be more popular than the older ones like M. Defferre. Georges Lemoine, for example, the secretary of state at the ministry of defense actually succeeded in increasing the Socialist vote at Chartres.

If there is one man, however, who is overjoyed with the results so far, it is Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullists. The elections have confirmed his pre-eminent position and that of his Gaullist Party within the right-wing alliance. Even without the spectacular results in Paris, they have made many more gains than their Giscardian partners, and if anyone had any doubt about it before, it is quite clear that Chirac is going to be the main candidate of the right in the next presidential elections in five years time.



## Soviet propaganda fails to lure West Germans

By David Minthorn

**MOSCOW —** The Kremlin's campaign to split West Germany from NATO on the issue of U.S. nuclear missiles failed to stop avowedly pro-American conservatives from winning a resounding victory in Bonn parliamentary elections.

Rather than admit that its propaganda barrage to influence West German voters probably backfired, the Soviet Union attributed the conservative triumph to psychological pressure by President Ronald Reagan and the NATO allies "in favor of the rightist parties." Appeals and statements by Reagan, (Vice President George) Bush's trip to West Germany, threats by NATO officials in case of another election result, all this will remain an example of open and crude interference into the internal affairs of a sovereign state," state-run Soviet television declared Monday, a day after the election.

The commentary was typical of the Kremlin's efforts to promote anti-nuclear sentiment and turn

### SENTRY OF THE SOVIET

#### Massacres: Assamese viewpoint

Sir,

Your two editorials and daily coverage of the situation in Assam show an awareness of very important development in the socio-political history of India which has culminated in a gory carnage of human lives. Though Mrs. Gandhi's party has won the most farcical democratic election, I very much doubt whether this will bring about peace and settle conditions in Assam, for whatever semblance of psychological affiliation Assamese had with "mainstream" India, is over. Permit me to enumerate the bitter truths behind the Assam agitation.

The root cause of the agitation is the illegitimate intrusion of Bangladesh nationals into India which has jeopardized the socio-economic and ethnic basis of that part of the country. Will any sovereign nation in the world tolerate such intrusion from its neighbor or any other country? The answer is a positive dissent and it has been aptly demonstrated recently by the action of the Nigerian government in expelling millions of illegal Ghanaian refugees from their country. But the Assamese have been unfortunate to have in the federal government such people who, since the days of Indian independence, have constantly failed to understand the needs and sentiments of their region. The old state of Assam was disfigured in the political laboratory of Indian administration: Assam had to fight with the federal government to get a refinery established at Gauhati for the oil that is produced in the state; Assam had to launch a movement to have Assamese as the state language. Assam's capital Gauhati, which is the gateway of the state is yet to be connected with the broad gauge railway from the mainland of India.

This is the unfortunate situation in that region and the situation is bound to remain explosive, as you have rightly observed, unless the people of India compel their government to take a realistic approach to mitigate the wounds. It is very saddening to note the Indian and the foreign press have made a villain out of the Assamese, who, within the framework of Indian constitution, had so far tried to warn the people of India of the ensuing danger. This was done through "Satyagraha," Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent method of opposition, till the unwanted election was imposed. The tolerance of the people of Assam was stretched too far which resulted in this carnage and bloodbath. Otherwise the Assam agitation so far was one of the most peaceful. Assam has fortunately been free from regular clashes between Hindus and Muslims like some other regions and states in India like Aligarh, Hyderabad and Gujarat. People of that region were Assamese and Indians first and then Hindus or Muslims or Christians. This bloodshed is, therefore, the result of sheer negligence on the part of the government to understand the heart beats of the otherwise meek Assamese. And if Muslim blood was flown like water, as your provocative headline said, it was only because the illegal immigrants are Muslims. If they were Christians or Hindus, Christian or Hindu blood would have flown.

I only hope and pray that no more human blood is shed, peace is restored and the legitimate demands of the people are met. To this end, I implore every Indian, the Indian government and the media, the international press and institutions for human rights, all with unbiased minds and rational attitudes, to work for a solution to the Assam problem.

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Sunday's balloting into a referendum against new American missiles on German soil. West Germans were repeatedly and bluntly warned by the Soviet media during the election campaign that new U.S. missiles would increase the chance of a nuclear holocaust centered on Germany.

Soviet efforts to promote the anti-missile cause abandoned any pretense of subtlety in the waning days of the campaign.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, in a *Pravda* newspaper interview aimed directly at the Germans, urged West Europeans to show "political maturity" by rejecting the U.S. missiles and declaring their independence on security issues.

The conservative government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, which endorsed the U.S. missile deployment by year's end if American-Soviet arms reduction talks remain stalled, accused Moscow of "massive interference" in the election campaign. Bonn repeated its accusations of Kremlin interference less than a week before the vote after Soviet workers at government rallies called on West Germans to do everything possible to block deployment.

The obvious Soviet tactics prompted some Western analysts to wonder about the sophistication of the new Kremlin leadership. Communist Party chief Yuri V. Andropov has been widely portrayed

by Soviet informants as well-versed in Western politics, having culled inside knowledge from intelligence reports during his years as chief of the KGB secret police. Andropov resubfiffed the Kremlin's propaganda apparatus shortly after replacing the late Leonid I. Brezhnev last Nov. 12. But if he intended to upgrade propaganda aimed at foreigners, it was not apparent from the Soviet media's amateurish performance during the campaign.

After questioning the need for the new U.S. missiles, the left-wing Social Democrats received a virtual Soviet endorsement in the election. This earned them the epithet of being "Moscow's party" and they crashed to their biggest defeat in nearly 20 years.

The Kremlin sought to avoid the appearance of blatant electioneering in West Germany during the 1983s, when the ruling Social Democrats took pains to emphasize warm relations with Moscow.

But since the Social Democrats fell from power last September and were replaced by Kohl's Christian Democrats, Moscow has made no secret of its wish for the quick demise of the party that has always taken a tougher line toward the Soviet Union.

Any pretense of an even-handed Soviet approach to West German politics was abandoned in a drive

to influence the outcome of the high-stakes balloting. In an outburst three days before the balloting, the government newspaper *Izvestia* accused Kohl's party of endorsing Washington's "foreign policy of aggression" and conspiring to rebuild the German Reich.

*Pravda* followed up the next day by claiming that Washington hoped to turn West Germany into its "main nuclear springboard in Europe" with the connivance of the conservatives. Even after the conservatives polled nearly 49 percent of the vote, compared to only 38 percent for the Social Democrats, the Soviet media weren't conceding anything.

Initial Soviet commentaries showed that Moscow intends to keep pressure on West Europeans to rescind the NATO decision to start deploying 572 U.S. Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles if U.S.-Soviet negotiators in Geneva fail to reach a missile reduction pact.

The election of the anti-nuclear "Greens" party to the West German parliament for the first time apparently gave Moscow some cause to hope the public would still turn against the missiles. The official news agency Tass said West Germany still retained the "sovereign right" to abandon the siting of U.S. missiles on its territory, saying this would be "a major contribution to the cause of peace and relaxation of international tensions." (AP)

## American diplomats back in strategic Malta

By Samuel Koo

**VALLETTA, Malta —**

After being snubbed for years by Socialist Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, American diplomats are back in the center of diplomacy in Malta, a strategic island nation friendly with such countries as Libya and North Korea.

A tiny 316-square-kilometer place of 320,000 people without important natural resources or fertile land, Malta nevertheless has played a key role through history as a major military staging area. Located in the narrow channel joining the eastern and western basins of the Mediterranean, the former British colony has a large airport and a deep sea harbor capable of servicing heavy naval vessels.

Malta's strategic importance may have diminished in the missile age, but the Western alliance views it as imperative to deny the island to hostile powers. Mintoff, the 66-year-old feisty politician, who once advocated complete union between Malta and Britain, has pursued a course of neutrality and nonalignment for the past decade — a policy often seen in Western circles as anti-American and pro-Communist.

After the United States refused Mintoff's request in 1981 that it "guarantee" Malta's neutrality, Mintoff and other top officials refused to receive U.S. diplomats. Washington eventually pulled out Ambassador Joan Clark and left the post unfilled

until last October.

"After she presented her credentials, nobody of any consequence would see her," said a diplomatic source. "She was completely isolated and finally quit in disgust and frustration." U.S. officials have said Washington respects Malta's neutrality, but that the issue of neutrality is Malta's internal problem. Only Italy, among major powers, signed a declaration in 1981 guaranteeing Malta's neutrality.

The same year, the Soviet Union was allowed to open its embassy and the two countries signed an agreement to allow Soviet merchant ships to refuel at Malta's port. Malta also stepped up diplomatic, commercial and cultural exchanges with China, North Korea and Libya.

A new ambassador, James Malone Rentschler, arrived in October. Malta's Foreign Minister Alex Scerri Trigona said relations between the United States and Malta "have entered a new phase in which they understand one another better." An American diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said Rentschler had been well received by Maltese authorities and had none of the problems Ambassador Clark did.

In the latest gesture reflecting the warming relationship, Mintoff last week paid a glowing tribute to the American Embassy for its role during the hijacking of a Libyan jetliner by two Libyan army

**Angola desperately seeks peace**

By Madeleine Prowse

**LISBON —**

The second meeting between warring South Africa and Angola in Cape Verde coincided with an announcement by the Angolan government of emergency measures to combat desperate economic difficulties.

Suffering acutely from the world recession, systematic foreign currency smuggling and guerrilla violence, Angola badly needs peace on its southern border, where the fighting is another severe drain on its resources. "Because of the undeclared war imposed on us by South Africa, we are obliged to channel enormous resources, both material and financial, into national defense and the support of refugees," the MPLA, Angola's ruling party, said recently.

Emergency measures approved last week included programs for greater food production, efforts to combat disease and the repair of damaged energy plants. The government would like to revive coffee production, once a major export earner but sadly neglected through lack of management skills and the exodus from the countryside to the safety of cities since independence in 1975. The measures call for better systems to ensure the army is supplied and the basic health for the thousands of families who have fled the Namibian border area because of the fighting.

The first round of talks with South Africa last December was accompanied by a similar announcement of emergency powers for President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, whose job it will be to coordinate the new programs.

Angola, anxious to find a solution to the Namibian problem, sent a high-level delegation to Cape Verde for the latest encounter — a delegation which for the first time talked publicly about its

aims. "We have not come to beg for peace," the Angolan interior minister, Alexandre Rodrigues, said. "Angola does not have to sign any ceasefire agreement with the South Africans because it never declared war on South Africa." The ceasefire would have to be between SWAPO and South Africa. Angolan's main aim, according to Rodrigues, is to get rid of the South African soldiers occupying its southern territories and speed Namibian independence as ordered by the United Nations Security Council.

SWAPO is based in Angola and South Africa says its incursions are aimed at flushing out guerrillas. As a result, Pretoria now controls a large chunk of southern Angola. While the talks went on, Pretoria announced it had killed 129 fighters in its biggest ever search-and-destroy operation in Namibia after SWAPO announced in Luanda that it had killed 32 South African soldiers so far this month (February).

Mass trials in progress

# Informers make dents in IRA armor

By Colin McIntyre

BELFAST (R) — Two mass trials in progress here represent opposite ends of Northern Ireland's political and religious divide, but have one thing in common — they are based on testimony by informers.

In the biggest guerrilla trial in Irish history, 38 members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, face a total of 184 charges ranging from murder downward. They were charged after one Black, a father of four, agreed to testify against them in exchange for immunity for his crimes, a new identity and a new life abroad.

Across the hall in the same heavily guarded courthouse in Crumlin Road, west Belfast, 16 members of a banned loyalist vigilante group, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF), face similar charges based on testimony from another informant Joseph Bennett.

The IRA guerrillas are invariably members of the half-million strong Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. The loyalists belong to the Protestant majority of one million.

Both Black and Bennett have already left Northern Ireland to start their new lives, leaving behind a trail of controversy over the use of "supergrasses," as the informers are dubbed.

The name comes from the London underworld, where to "grass" means to turn informer and British police have developed the technique of "turning" criminals on a large scale. Some critics in Northern Ireland have charged police with using undue pressure and large financial rewards to persuade guerrillas to turn informer, while others have questioned the value of testimony from known criminals.

However, Superintendent Bill Wilson of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), which has lost 118 of its members in 14 years of sectarian violence, believes the end justifies the means. "If a supergrass saves one life, we think it is worthwhile," he said in an interview, adding: "Though we do draw the line at using someone who actually pulled the trigger."

"If your policy is to deal with these people within the law, you must get them to court," he said. "Every effort, he added, was made to cross-check testimony of informants before cases came to trial. He denied that large sums of money had been offered to informers, saying their decisions to tell all had been motivated mainly by the prospect of long prison sentences and general disillusionment.

Bennett, 36, looking nervous and avoiding



ON GUARD: A British soldier looks for snipers in the violence-rocked Belfast against a background of graffiti.

the gaze of his former colleagues in the dock, told the court he had decided to "turn queen's evidence" after learning the UVF had sentenced him to death for taking money from the organization.

Black, for his part, said he knew he could face a long prison term and, having spent five years in jail for an IRA armed robbery, had no desire to go back.

According to the RUC, the use of "grasses" has already made a big impact on the level of sectarian violence, which has cost nearly 2,300 lives since 1969. Shootings have dropped from 1,135 in 1981 to 545 last year, bombings were down from 398 to 212 and charges for serious offenses rose from 314 to 359.

Whatever doubts the authorities may have over using informers, they seem determined to continue the practice. Chief Constable Sir John Hermon said in his annual report this month that the community had benefited immeasurably from information given by converted guerrillas last year.

Police sources said between 20 and 30 informers had laid the basis for over 1,000 separate charges, and the third major "supergrass" trial, centered this time on the Marxist-Republican Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), is due to begin in May.

The biggest trial of all is expected to revolve around testimony from IRA activist Raymond Gilmore, 22, who according to police sources has already provided information to

against 60 persons in three different parts of the country.

They are likely to go on trial later this year, unless Gilmore retracts his accusations.

Last November his 62-year-old father, Patrick, a known IRA sympathizer, was taken away from his Londonderry home by masked men, and two months later his family received a note warning the son not to testify against his former comrades-in-arms.

Last year Loyalist informant Clifford McKenna retracted in court after spectators pointed fingers to their heads in an obvious threat. The two supergrass trials have provided a rare inside look at the workings and methods of Republican and Protestant paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

Black told the court how money was raised for the IRA through social clubs in Belfast's Catholic districts. Some were run directly by the movement.

The money was handed to two IRA officials who were known as Starsky and Hutch, after the characters in a popular American police series.

Bennett told the court he had not asked who the victim would be in a shooting in which he was involved. "I just carried out orders," he told the judge.

Black, in his court testimony, also revealed something of the psychological pressures on an informer. "I'm sick every morning. I'm not enjoying myself," he told the court. "When I leave here I'm very, very tired. I think about the case, it just doesn't fall out of your mind."

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Khomeini, questioning the harsh treatment the Iranian government to participate in celebrations of the revolution's anniversary. In addition to touring various places, from the battlefront with Iraq to cemetery and schools, the author had a general and then a private audience with Ayatollah Khomeini.

The author's desire to understand and sympathize with the revolution comes out clearly. For example, in the plane to Tehran, he admired the stewardesses in chadors, noting "the absence of sexual provocation, the absence of attention on the outlines of the body, the absence of emphasis on the sensual differences between man and woman."

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## Alluring call of Himalayas

By Elizabeth Hawley

KATMANDU (R) — They come from Mexico, Poland, the British Air Force, Japan. Their goal — the top of the world. As this year's spring climbing season opens in the Himalayas, a 13-nation crew of veteran mountaineers and intrepid amateurs are converging on Nepal for a crack at some of the globe's most challenging peaks.

The mountaineers say they are looking for a thrill which Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, can no longer provide. They will attempt this year to reach uncharted territory at the summits of Changla and Himglung, never before conquered, and will try to scale some of the most formidably steep mountain faces Nepal has to offer.

One of them is Kanchenjunga, at 8,598 meters the world's third highest peak. An expedition from West Germany, climbing its challenging north face, expects competition from a team of Austrians taking the more commonly used ascent from the southwest.

If team leaders Hermann Warth of West Germany and Hanns Schell of Austria succeed in reaching the top, they will join the tiny band of seven other men in the world who have scaled four or more summits of more than 8,000 meters.

Teams from Mexico and Poland will attempt to reach the main summit of Dhaulagiri I, the world's sixth highest mountain at 8,167 meters. The Mexicans plan to take the usual northeast ridge route while the Poles will mount their assault via the north face, which has been successfully used only once before.

Makalu, the world's fifth highest mountain at 8,475 meters will also be attempted by two expeditions. A Belgian group will climb the popular northwest side as an American team assaults the seldom scaled southeast ridge. And Manaslu, at 8,156 meters the seventh highest peak in the world, will be attempted by teams from Germany and Yugoslavia.

A British joint services expedition, mostly comprising navy and air force climbers, will attempt the 7,157-meter subsidiary peak, Manaslu north. But the most adventurous climbs will be attempted by Japan, the best represented nation this year with seven expeditions.

An all-woman team of eight mountaineers hopes to conquer for the first time the 6,715-meter Mount Changla in northwestern Nepal, and plans to reach the summit by

As for the unconquered Himglung peak, a Japanese club will try to reach the 27,126 meter summit following three previous failed attempts by Japanese and Dutch climbers.

# Another Look

## Andropov crackdown suffers initial setback

By Robert Yoskum

Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov's war on corruption and absenteeism has resulted in daily police sweeps in shops, markets, railroad stations, and even Turkish baths. Malinger and corruption are the two economic problems most obvious to Russians and non-Russians alike.

But the trade union newspaper *Trud* pointed out a problem with the crackdown:

"For a working person it's not so easy with a schedule like this to make the necessary purchases, to reach a store when most wares are still available, or items in short supply are still on sale." — from news stories.

reason — in order to have time to get some boots. They finally got my size in and the ones I was wearing had holes in them. I had to wait in line two hours. Then I went to a store where I heard there were grapefruit and tomatoes."

"Aren't you married? Couldn't your wife do that?"

"Well, she works all day too. And I was going to give her some fresh fruit and vegetables as a birthday present. So that took another couple of hours. Then I heard about a shipment of fresh meat, so —"

"Wait, comrade! One doesn't just hear about fresh fruit and vegetables and meat. Did you pay for these tip-offs?"



It was 11:00 a.m. in Moscow. Two policemen burst into a dentist's office.

"All right, what's going on here?" asks the first policeman.

"I'm fixing this man's tooth," the dentist replies.

"Let him speak for himself," says the second policeman. "Who are you? Where do you work? Where is your internal passport?"

"Awa gwo svwa. Miyur yuh —"

"Here," says the dentist, "let me take the cotton out of your mouth. There."

"All right, now talk," says the first policeman. "We're making a sweep for malingerers. What are you doing here at this hour?"

"Here is my internal passport," says the patient. "I work at the Ministry of Culture. And I am here because, as you can see by the large swelling on my jaw, I have a toothache."

"Do you have a written medical excuse?"

"Well, no, I don't. You see, I had to use this swollen jaw to obtain a medical excuse yesterday in order to assist my brother-in-law who had some trouble with the police and —"

"What kind of trouble?"

"He was uh, caught malinger."

"Away from his job, too, eh? Where was he supposed to be working?"

"In Siberia."

The police look at one another. The dentist gives a low whistle.

"And the day before that," the patient continues, "I had to get another medical excuse — still using this bad tooth as the

"Of course not! You know how things work in this country. Some people give me information I could use and I gave them some tickets to the ballet, which they exchanged for a pair of jeans, which —"

"That's enough! True, there has been some corruption in the past. But it has even been in the newspapers. But that, like malinger, is going to be wiped out. Now then, I think you'd better come with us to the station."

"It's too bad."

"What's too bad?"

"Too bad that the friendly and informal arrangements that worked so well in the past are going to be eliminated. For example, in exchange for this dental work I'm going to give our friend here two tickets to a concert that will be attended by many high officials, including some from the Politburo."

The police look at one another.

"And I have four such tickets left over."

The police smile.

"And several of those grapefruit are also left over."

The smiles broaden.

"Which could he brought to your house by my cousin, who is a plumber and could instantly perform the work that you want done."

"How did you know that we were waiting for a plumber?"

"Who isn't? Well, gentlemen, good day. Here are your tickets and my telephone number so that you can call me about the grapefruit and plumbing."

## WOMEN SMOKERS GET LUNG CANCER, TOO

By Peter J. Steinrohr M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: My wife, who is 56, has developed a cough that sometimes keeps her up at night. She blames it on a virus infection she had as long ago as last year. But I think she has brought it on herself and I admit I've brought my own cough on. We're both heavy smokers. I've smoked at least two packs a day since my late teens. She has smoked about the same amount per day since she was 25.

Now here's the problem. I've gone in for a checkup and had X-rays. Except for a little emphysema, there's no evidence of lung cancer. But my wife refuses to have a checkup. She says, "I have no trouble breathing. Besides, I have no worry about lung cancer because women rarely get it." Isn't it true that the fact she is female is no protection against cancer? Meanwhile, we both go on coughing. At least, I know my lungs are clear, but hers are still a question mark. — Mr. G.

Dear Mr. G.: Until recently, it's true that there were relatively few cases of lung cancer in women. That's changed to the fact that few years of smoking hadn't yet caught up to them. But now that they've been smoking for many more years, they're contributing heavily to the statistics. Men have been smoking longer and have suffered from the effects of so many cigarettes over a long period. But now that men and women have similar time and habit patterns, studies show that women often have as much lung damage as men. Your wife should heed the "cough warning," Mr. G. What seems to be only a bark may turn into a barking fit.

### MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: At 80, my mother is in excellent health except for the usual complaint of elderly persons. She has osteoarthritis. She has difficulty in walking because of pains in her hips and knees. Her doctor has prescribed at least 8 aspirins a day. For a while she took them, but now refuses because she gets heartburn. She also refuses Tylenol and other medications. She seems to have gone downhill since my father died six months ago. I'll appreciate any suggestions. — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: Chances are she is depressed. This may aggravate any illness, including arthritis. What may be better for her at this time is taking an antidepressant. Perhaps she'll be willing to swap an antidepressant for her aspirin. Does her doctor know she is not taking aspirin?

For Mrs. U.: One purpose of vitamins is to help the body utilize proteins, fats and carbohydrates. An ordinary, well balanced diet usually provides sufficient vitamins. For example, why fill up on large doses of vitamin C (hoping to prevent or cure colds and allergy) when all the healthy individual needs is a glass of orange juice at breakfast?



AGAINST KHOMEINI: Members of the Union of Muslim Iranian Students demonstrating in London in protest against human rights violations going on in Iran and in support of the opposition to Khomeini inside their country.

**Iraq's deficit exceeds \$ 8b**

# OPEC falls into red as oil prices tumble

PARIS, March 8 (AFP) — The energy deployed by the 13 ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in London to stave off a collapse in crude oil rates stems from the delicate financial position they find themselves in.

OPEC's oil revenues dropped to some \$210 billion last year from the record \$264 billion in 1980. The members' overall payments last year showed a \$18 billion deficit against a \$60 billion surplus in 1981, the Arab Banking Corporation says.

International monetary analysts report that only a few OPEC countries showed a surplus: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Libya. The biggest deficit, between \$8 billion

and \$11 billion was recorded by Iraq whose output has dropped to 700,000 barrels a day, one-quarter the figure before the Iran-Iraq war.

These monetary troubles, aggravated by the total output fall in OPEC to 14 million barrels a day in February from 17.5 million in December, mainly affect the densely populated countries of Indonesia and Nigeria and to a lesser extent Venezuela. These countries have embarked on major development programs in the last decade.

Austerity has come to Venezuela where monetary authorities were obliged in February to order exchange controls for the first time since 1965 in order to halt a flight of capital.

Venezuela, whose reserves fell by \$1.4 billion between January and February, is now negotiating rescheduling of its \$9 billion of short-term debt with Western banks.

In Indonesia, whose 1983 budget was based on output of 1,600,000 barrels a day or 300,000 barrels above the present figure, the state group Pertamina is late with the payment of \$200 million to three Western firms holding refineries.

Nigeria was quickly affected by the drop in North Sea oil rates, this oil being a direct rival to its own on the markets, and Nigeria brought its rate down by \$5.5.

Even countries with large money surpluses have trimmed their standards of living. Libya has carried out a 9 percent cut in its 1983 development budget to \$8 billion. This budget was cut five percent in 1982.

In the United Arab Emirates some public spending has been reduced for this year, but Finance Minister Hamdan Rashid Makki has ruled out the idea of income tax being introduced.

The Gulf countries can nevertheless use reserves invested abroad. Saudi Arabia can continue with its development plan using returns on placements made when output was 10,000,000 barrels a day rather than today's four million, Central Bank Governor Abdul Aziz Alquaishi has said.

## Australian dollar devalued by 10%

SYDNEY, March 8 (Agencies) — Australia's new Labor government devalued the dollar by 10 percent Tuesday in a move to check a big outflow of investors' money. New Zealand — where Labor is in opposition — promptly followed by devaluing its own dollar by 6 percent so that its exports do not become more expensive than Australia's.

Robert Muldoon, New Zealand's conservative prime minister, told reporters he would have preferred not to devalue but the action had become necessary because of the Australian decision.

Australia's Prime Minister-elect Bob Hawke, who swept to power at the head of the Labor Party in last Saturday's general election, said the outgoing conservative coalition was to blame for the flow of about Australian \$3 billion (\$2.6 billion) from the country over the past few weeks.

As a result, Hawke said, he was trimming 10 percent off the value of the Australian dollar against all major currencies, making exports of minerals and food cheaper. He said he expects that much of the money which flowed out of Australia will now return because the devaluation has made Australian stocks and shares instantly more attractive.

Hawke told a press conference after his dawn announcement that the outflow of money from Australia was the result of his Liberal-National Party opponents saying during the run-up to the election that a Labor government would automatically devalue.

In such "reprehensible circumstances" it was inevitable that investors would react by moving out funds, Hawke said.

The value of one Australian dollar dropped to 85 U.S. cents from 95 cents at the close of trading Monday. The New Zealand dollar was being quoted at 65 U.S. cents after the devaluation.

Australia's move is expected to bring down interest rates, which were being forced up as the cash outflow made funds scarce on local money markets.



Bob Hawke

**Of \$ 1.4 billion**

## Argentina halts debt payment

BUENOS AIRES, March 8 (R) — Argentina has suspended indefinitely the repayment of about \$1.4 billion of its foreign debt in a move described by private banking sources as unprecedented in Argentine banking over the last 20 years.

The Argentine central bank said in a communiqué Monday it was suspending indefinitely the payment of "swaps", which are short term loans to the Argentine government from foreign banks, arranged through the central bank, and often involving currency exchanges between central banks.

It added that new regulations would be issued shortly, and central bank sources said they would probably be issued by the end of March. The swaps amounted to \$1.4 billion of Argentina's total \$38.7 billion debt, the Argentine bank said in a communiqué two weeks ago.

The central bank's deferral of debt repayment coincides with pressure on the bank from the ruling military junta to investigate the origins of the country's external debt and dealing with any loans considered fraudulent.

Economy Minister Jorge Webbe was Monday holding separate meetings with the commanders in chief of the army, navy and air force.

The air force is particularly keen to investigate the foreign debt's rapid growth from \$10 billion when the armed forces seized power in 1976 to \$38.7 billion today.

Several political leaders have charged that much of the debt incurred by Argentina between 1976 and 1981, under the administration of monetarist Economy Minister Jose Martinez de Hoz, was used to make speculative profits on Argentina's domestic financial system.

Loans made to Argentina by foreign banks for the purpose of industrial investment are reputed on occasion to have been deposited instead with banks in Argentina in order to profit from high domestic interest rates.

The air force has carried out its own investigation into the origin of the foreign debt, and is closely linked with two judicial inquiries under way to investigate irregularities.

The swaps, most of which are now due for repayment in March and April, are mostly 180-day loans taken out in 1981, deferred for a further 180 days when they originally fell due during last year's conflict between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

The central bank unilaterally extended repayment for a further 90 days last December to help Argentina overcome its external debt crisis, but banking sources said the indefinite suspension was unprecedented over the last 20 years.

The suspension of repayment of swaps

comes at a delicate time in Argentina's debt renegotiation talks.

The country is about to sign a \$1.5 billion medium-term loan with a consortium of 263 creditor banks.

## Brazil relaxes economic curbs

SAO PAULO, March 8 (AP) — The government will not be as strict with the economy as it promised.

At the beginning of the year, the authorities committed themselves to tough restrictive policies when they applied to the International Monetary Fund for \$5.9 billion in rescue loans.

The commitments were laid out in a letter of intent dated Jan. 6 and sent to the IMF. But Feb. 24 the government sent an addendum to the IMF letter of intent changing some of the basic commitments it made.

The addendum was published here Saturday, and it reduces the government's promises to cut its deficits, raises the limits on public sector borrowing, and increases the inflation prediction for 1983. It also says foreign exchange policy will be to devalue the cruzeiro, Brazil's currency, in small but frequent steps that "at least" keep pace with inflation.

The addendum explains the policy changes are necessary because of the 30 percent devaluation of the cruzeiro announced Feb. 18.

Feb. 28 the IMF approved Brazil's loan request, and the money is being used to help bail the country out of its financial crisis. It cannot make payments on its foreign debt.

## U.S. blocks entry to ADB, China says

PEKING, March 8 (AFP) — China Tuesday accused the United States of blocking its admission to the Asian Development Bank.

The director of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Information Department, Qi Husiyan, said the United States "should in a clear-cut manner support China's demand for the expulsion of the Taiwan authorities from and admission of the government of the people's republic into the bank instead of laying any obstacles."

This was the coarse Washington should follow if it was "determined to act in accordance with the commitment it made in the Sino-U.S. communiques of 1978 and 1982" recognizing the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China, Qi told foreign correspondents.

## Jordan to resume trade with Egypt

AMMAN, March 8 (AP) — The government has decided to end a four-year ban on trade with Egypt and allow privately owned companies to resume business with privately owned Egyptian firms, the *Jordan Times* reported Tuesday.

The English-language daily newspaper said the decision was made after Jordanian officials scrutinized the fine print of the 1978 Baghdad Agreement under which Arab nations pledged to stop trading with Egypt because of President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

The *Jordan Times* said the Jordanian Ministry of Trade and Industry had determined the ban applied only to trade between governments and government-owned companies.

The newspaper added that two private Jordanian companies which make envelopes and ballpoint pens have already been granted export licenses to trade with Egypt.

Before the Baghdad summit, Jordan exported \$5 million worth of goods a year to Egypt and imported \$25 million worth of Egyptian products.

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## Japan invests

### \$8.9b abroad

TOKYO, March 8 (AP) — Japan's direct overseas investments during fiscal 1981 almost doubled from a year earlier to hit an all-time high of \$8.9 billion, the Japan External Trade Organization said Tuesday.

Jetro's report said the figure for the fiscal year ending last March represented a 90 percent increase over fiscal 1980 which totaled \$4.7 billion and topped the previous record of \$5 billion in fiscal 1979.

The Jetro report attributed the sharp increase to a sudden surge in investments in Indonesia in connection with a giant liquefied natural gas project, big investments in the United States by manufacturers and swelling investments in the shipping industry.

## Belgrade to get \$500m bank loan

BASEL, March 8 (R) — Leading Western central banks Monday agreed to make Yugoslavia a \$500 million bridging loan to help it meet repayments on its foreign debt totaling about \$19 billion, central bank sources said.

The loan, first sought last autumn, is part of a package of international financial aid expected eventually to total about \$4.5 billion. The rest is to come from governments, commercial banks, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Yugoslavia has had to take drastic austerity measures over the past year in order to meet heavy debt repayments.

## Sudan's exchange houses closed

KHARTOUM, March 8 (AFP) — Sudan's private foreign exchange houses were Tuesday closed down in an apparent move to check the soaring price of foreign currencies on the free market.

Thirty-one exchange businesses in Khartoum and Port Sudan were shut following Sunday's announcement by Sudanese Finance and Economic Planning Minister Ibrahim Monem Mansour who canceled the licenses of exchange dealers.

Only two weeks earlier, Sudan's state-owned banks had opened offices for buying and selling foreign currencies on a free basis.

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**Fearing U.S. competition**

# Europe boosts sale of butter to Russia

STRASBOURG, March 8 (R) — The European Community, worried that the United States may be preparing to dump its vast dairy surpluses into world markets, has taken steps to increase its sales of cheap butter to the Soviet Union.

The move, announced Monday night by Farm Commissioner Poul Dalsager to the European Parliament, will touch sensitive political nerves in both the United States and the Common Market. Sales of subsidized butter to the Soviet Union has become a major political issue in Britain and West Germany. These countries are unhappy that Russians can buy European butter for less than their own citizens.

At the same time, there has been intense pressure in the Community to protect its agricultural markets from American competition. A recent sale of subsidized U.S. wheat

flour to Egypt and reports of further planned U.S. sales of butter and cheese to the same country have caused anger in the 10-nation bloc and both sides are warning of the danger of an all-out trade war.

Both the U.S. and the Common Market have been quietly trying to increase exports. The Community recently increased its subsidy for wheat sales to China, a traditional U.S. market, and it also increased subsidies on wheat flour.

The latest move announced by Dalsager means that the Soviet Union will no longer be kept in a special category for butter sales. "Export restitutions will be generally available for butter for all destinations," he said.

The Community's subsidy system for butter, aimed at reducing its 250,000-ton surplus, has been applied differently to the Soviet Union since December because of political pressure.

## Despite drought

### Australia to meet Arab wheat needs

ABU DHABI, March 8 (AP) — The Australian Wheat Board (AWB) has assured buyers in the Middle East and Gulf region that it would honor its commitments to supply them with their wheat requirements, despite the chronic drought that has slashed the country's domestic production by nearly half.

The assurance was given by William Graham, head of a five-man AWB delegation, as the Australians began a three-day

## BRIEFS

DETROIT (AFP) — Sales of imported cars in the United States accounted for 29.5 percent of the total business in February. Sales came to 185,270 units or 5.6 percent up on a year earlier and 6.2 percent up on the January figure.

SEATTLE (AFP) — The largest plane built by Boeing, the 747-300, has obtained certification from the Federal Aeronautics

Administration. This aircraft has an upper deck extension and will take more passengers than other 747s.

SAN JOSE, California (AFP) — Magnason Computer Systems, which makes office computers, plans to go bankrupt, and is in talks with other firms on the sale of all and part of its business. Last year, it lost \$21,600,000 with sales at \$18,400,000.

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**Handing Pistons their third straight loss**

## Sixers back into winning ways

PHILADELPHIA, March 8 (Agencies) — Marc Iavaroni found himself ducking punches instead of dunking baskets as the Philadelphia 76ers banded the Detroit Pistons their third straight National Basketball Association loss.

During the emotional game Monday night, two Detroit players were ejected for run-ins with the Philadelphia forward as the 76ers snapped a two-game losing streak by defeating the Pistons 123-114. Isaiah Thomas scored 24 points before he was thrown out with 18 seconds left for socking Iavaroni in the face.

And in the second quarter, Ray Tolbert, newly acquired by Detroit, was ejected for attempting to punch the 225-pound, 6-foot-10 rookie. "In the first incident, Tolbert pushed me hard in the back, and I hit him with an elbow," said Iavaroni. "And then he squared off and tried to sock me." In the second incident, "Isiah pulled my arm and then he swung at me," Iavaroni said.

Detroit coach Scotty Robertson apologized to Iavaroni and to 76ers coach Billy Cunningham soon after the game. Philadelphia's Julius Erving, who scored a game-high 35 points, said the violence was unusual.

In the only other NBA game, the Boston Celtics defeated the New Jersey Nets 121-114. Larry Bird scored 30 points and Cedric Maxwell added 19 to lift the Celtics over the Nets.

Bird, scoring more than 20 points for the 45th time in 60 games this season, dropped in six in the final minute, while Maxwell added

four free throws in the final nine seconds. Albert King paced New Jersey with a season-high 31 points and Buck Williams added 24.

Meanwhile, bolders CSP Limoges of France and Yugoslav Club KK Sibenka stage a repeat of last year's men's European Korac Cup Basketball final in West Berlin Tuesday. The French side upset favorites Sibenka in Padua, Italy, last year and appear strong enough to retain the trophy, since they are

current leaders of the strong French league.

Sibenka, expected to lift the Yugoslav title, will pin their hopes on 17-year-old Yugoslav international Drazen Petrovic, the star around whom the team revolves, and whose individual brilliance has brought them victory in some of their hardest matches this season. Petrovic is considered Yugoslavia's most talented playmaker and marksman. He is backed by veterans Srecko Jarić and Branko Macura, wingers Milan Zecević and Žika Ljubojević, and the towering Šreten Đurić and Željko Marelić. Ivica Žurić, another 17-year-old, and Nenad Slavica complete the team.

The Limoges squad under manager-coach André Buffiere includes five French internationals and two U.S. imports, Ed Murphy and Glenn Mosley, who have played a key role in the team's successful campaign this season.

In Brussels, Jack Dinkins, an American basketball player with the Belgian club Standard Liège, died Monday at the age of 32 following a brain tumor. The symptoms first came to light following a tournament in August 1982 but initial tests indicated there were no serious problems.

After four weeks rest, Dinkins, who had played for Standard for seven seasons, returned to action but there was another alert on November 16, the date of his last match. Later, further tests revealed the brain tumor. In his six appearances for Standard this season Dinkins, for whom a benefit match was held just two weeks ago, scored 152 points.

Upset of the week — Whittaker bounces



Erving... Sixers' star

**With victory over Raytheon ADI**

## Whittaker causes a flutter in softball

By Naiche Nedhi-Apache

JEDDAH, March 8 — Sorry I missed you last week, unavoidably unable to be with you. As the headline states we had an unusual winner, also some expected winners and others who like to come out and play because they like to get paid. We have all kinds in the Jeddah Softball League.

Upset of the week — Whittaker bounces powerful Raytheon ADI. They did it by a score of 14-9. Quite an improvement over last week's three losses by Whittaker. What ever they are prescribing for themselves

### How they stand

#### OASIS LEAGUE

"A" DIVISION			
W	L	Pct.	
Killer Bees	19	6	.760
Lockheed	21	7	.750
Meriden Vets	16	7	.695
BD All Stars	15	9	.625
Pratt/Whitney Eagles	4	24	.143

#### WADI DIVISION

"B" DIVISION CORAL LEAGUE			
Raytheon R&R	18	3	.857
Pan Am	13	8	.619
Corp of Eng'r	13	9	.590
ICAO	11	10	.524
Sogex	10	11	.476
Whittaker	4	18	.182
MOPCI	2	16	.111

works, wish I could get a little.

Pan Am, with stalwarts Jess Patterson in left field, Andy McGrath in center field, Mike Dugan at catcher and third base and double playmaker Jose Cadena at second base, managed an excellent record this week by winning 3 and losing 1. They beat mighty Mobil 9-8, shackled an up and coming ICAO team 10-5, put on the dog for DATAAC 12-10 but lost to the "A" Division Alsalam Meriden Vets, 15-5.

"True to his word, Jim Williams — Sogex standout known to his friends as "Smoky Oklahoma," promised a victory and he delivered.

versed as they also jumped on Mobil's derrick, 14-8. However, he didn't promise any losses but delivered one anyway as they played day but ICAO, 8-7. Close Jim but no hubbub hubby.

MOPCI wins another one!!! They are definitely on a roll. I think it's a prude Danish, Bin, they did beat DATAAC 11-2!! DATAAC is now traveling under an assumed name (it's DATAAC, clever huh). Other "B" Division stuff saw ICAO down KAIA in the "Alphabet Bowl," 16-10. Raytheon R&R beat Bendix 11-3; Corp of Engineers also beat DATAAC up, 12-5; Lockheed II, on the

ond game going into the late innings.

The Killer Bees came from behind to beat the Meriden Vets 6-2. The Vets were successfully handicapped when a league official put restricted flight balls into the game. (They do not travel as far as a normal ball when hit with the same amount of force). Although the loss cannot be necessarily attributed to their use alone, three balls were hit "to the wall" by home run regulars Pete Bauers, Jack Graham and Joe Schebler that would have accounted for a total of 8 runs had they gone out. The Vets are hoping this first use of restricted flight balls turns out to be the last.

Adding to their misery was the superb fielding plays of Sonny Gomez and Roger Stallings in helping to hinder the Vets, who still lead the league in home runs. Also of obvious assistance to the Bees' efforts was first baseman Rob Church and their one-off bird hase coach, Stan "The Man" Musical, (high pitched opera star), otherwise known as Stan Cromer who must own a gas station somewhere. I say that because after the game he was voted as "most likely to go self service."

In the Wadi Division things have pretty much boiled down to a two team race between the Blue Angels, now in first place, and the Safeway Truly Fine team. Whittaker, those poor persistent hearts, are so far back they don't have a front. Mobil (W) is up and down, up and down. One week hot, the next week, strictly Greenland in winter.

The Corp of Engineers (W) are improving and could prove to be the sleepers if they can stay consistent and not sleep too much. Hyatt Touch of Class stay in third place after beating the Corp (W) team 4-1 on some questionable calls after coming off their devastating loss to Mobil (W) last week. The Touch group may be "out-of-touch" soon. The Blue Angels beat Whittaker this week, 18-3 and Safeway Truly Fine team can be while still alive and breathing. Barring another hairline fracture, more next week.

### BRIEFS

LONDON (AP) — Sebastian Coe, the most sought-after athlete in the world, is set for a big payout from "open" athletics this year. The 26-year-old Olympic 1500 meters gold medalist will benefit from the International Athletics Federation's decision to relax the rule which bars athletes from receiving participation money from meetings and is likely to collect 250,000 pounds this year.

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) — Fifteen players, including champions Gary Player of South Africa and Seve Ballesteros of Spain, have been named in the international contingent for the season's first major golf event, the Masters Tournament. Player and Ballesteros are the only foreign champions in the history of the tournament.

PHOENIX, Arizona, (AP) — French golfer Anne-Marie Pali matched her rainy first-round 69 in Monday's good-weather finale to win the Samaritan Turquoise LPGA Classic 14-under-par and seven strokes ahead of her nearest competitor, Lynn Adams. Ayako Okamoto of Japan fired a hot four-under-69 in the last round to trail Adams by only two strokes.

NEW YORK (AP) — Masanori Murakami, the only Japanese player to have turned out in the top flight of the United States Professional Baseball League, wants to make a comeback at the age of 36. Murakami, one of the stars of the San Francisco Giants in 1965-66, is currently having trials with the California club.

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet grandmaster Garry Kasparov took a time-out Monday in the quartet match of the World Chess Championship, Tass reported. Tass said the fifth game between Kasparov, 19, and Alexander Belavsky will be played Wednesday.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — The Thomas Cup and Uber Cup badminton finals will be held in Kuala Lumpur in May and June 1984, the Badminton Association of Malaysia announced here. Association secretary Shuaib Kassa said that the International Badminton Federation made an official offer to Malaysia to host the finals.

WORKINGTON, England, (AP) — Workington Town Rugby League Club have had to release their new Australian coach after only four days. Dave Cox had to return to Sydney last week when his wife suffered a stroke and she is now too ill for him to take up the job.

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SHAPING WELL : Italian heavyweight boxer Claudio Cassanelli is being carried on a stretcher to a Bologna hospital after being shifted from Palermo Hospital on regaining consciousness.

### After 10 suspenseful days

## Cassanelli out of coma

PALERMO, Sicily, March 8 (AFP) — Claudio Cassanelli, the Italian heavyweight boxer, who had been in a coma since the end of a title fight ten days ago, regained consciousness Monday.

Professor Primo Vanadia, the doctor in charge of the unit at the Palermo Hospital where Cassanelli is being treated said the boxer was able to understand what is said to him and that he could answer questions by moving his head, as well as his thumb and forefinger.

He said Cassanelli could move his right arm and leg freely, but the whole of the left side of his body is paralyzed due to an injury to the right side of his brain.

Cassanelli collapsed at the end of a 15-round Italian Heavyweight Championship fight which he lost on February 25.

Meanwhile, the man who is convinced that Charlie Magri saved his life in 1981 called in London to wish him luck for his forthcoming World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title fight against Elionio Mercedes of the Dominican Republic at Wembley.

Amateur boxer Stephen Nagy believes he owes his life to a tape that Magri recorded when he was in a coma after being knocked down by a car. Friends are in touch with a local newspaper who told Magri's manager, Terry Lawless, that if the flyweight's voice

could be played over and over to him, it might help Nagy's recovery.

"I felt a bit self conscious making the tape," said Magri Monday, continuing, "I had to do it several times before I got it right. I told him that I would be fighting for the world title one day and that when I did, I wanted him to be there. The doctors say it helped him to come out of his coma."

The way things are moving in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it seems that WBC lightweight champion Wilfredo Gomez's title defense could be canceled following an attack on a journalist.

Gomez, who is due to meet former world champion Alfonso Zamora of Mexico, attacked the Puerto Rican journalist at the end of a press conference Friday. Now the journalist, who is under observation in hospital, is taking legal advice in an attempt to prevent Saturday's fight taking place.

It was also revealed that Jose Suleiman, the WBC president, does not look favorably on Zamora's return to the ring after an absence of three years. To complicate matters further, Gomez's manager also said he was doing everything possible to get the fight called off because Gomez was already fixed up for a WBC featherweight title fight against champion Juan Laporte of the United States.

### By Swansea

## Kennedy put on transfer list

SWANSEA, March 8 (Agencies) — Ray Kennedy has been transfer-listed by Swansea City 13 months after joining them from Liverpool for 160,000 pounds.

The rift between Kennedy and manager John Toshack came out into the open in January when the former England international lost the club captaincy and was suspended for two weeks for a breach of club discipline.

Kennedy's form since returning to the side has not been impressive and was substituted during the first Division match against Southampton on Saturday. But another former England international, leading scorer Bob Latchford, is staying in south Wales.

Latchford was to have signed for Second Division Chelsea for a fee of 180,000 pounds, as Swansea attempted to raise some much-needed cash, but the player and his wife have decided they do not want to move to London.

Meanwhile, the bitter feud between Bradford City and Derby County over former England international defender Roy McFarland continues.

Third Division Bradford are to press the Football League to expel Second Division Derby for their failure to pay any of the 55,000 pounds compensation the league awarded City when player-manager McFarland, and his assistant Mick Jones, left the club for Derby in November.

Bradford claim they should have received 20,000 pounds last week with three more instalments to follow, but have so far received nothing.

Chairman Bob Martin said: "We are reporting Derby to the Football League. Much as we are reluctant to do it, we intend to press for their expulsion from the league until or unless some of the money is paid, and we expect the league to support us in the matter."

Derby chairman Mike Watterson commented: "I shall explain our position to the league and the first instalment of the money we owe will be paid as soon as we can raise it."

In Rio de Janeiro, Fluminense of Rio won a crucial 1-0 decision over Corinthians of Sao Paulo Sunday to clinch a playoff berth, as

Kennedy ... Just 13 months at Swansea

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After a disastrous tour of Pakistan

# Courageous Kapil could brighten the gloom

By John Crasto

Special to Arab News

BOMBAY, March 8 — The effervescence of unconquerable cavaliers. That was Pakistan's brand of cricket — sparkling, at once full of fire and rare flamboyance. The victors' spoils had to be theirs. India encountered more than they had bargained for.

India's strengths were quite formidable on paper. Batting stretched in depth, encouraging blend of peace and spin. But all of little avail. The men did not deliver — the undaunting spirit of the fighter was lacking. One fears what is in store in the Caribbean. Unless their batsmen beat a rapid tattoo to the beat of West Indian pace they may come back limp and cricket weary.

But such is the spirit of man never to say die. India's fortunes are down today. Yet Kapil Dev is as courageous as he is deadly. He may be the daredevil to regroup India's frayed strengths. He has done his bit before. He may well do it again. Wait and watch is all one can say. But one can be sure that the excursion through fire in Pakistan will aid India on their Caribbean venture.

But that is what comes later. For now let us focus on the feats of Imran Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Zaheer Abbas, Sarfraz Nawaz and Javed Miandad. And let us also dwell on that in and out diehard, Mohinder Amarnath, delightful Sandeep Patil and striking debutantes, Balwinder Singh Sandhu and Maninder Singh. Of course without the controversies of leg-before decisions and poor umpiring. Even ardent Indian fans have accepted these happenings as part of the game — they were not significant enough to detract appreciation for Pakistan's thumping success.

The Pakistanis played cricket as it should, their batting was superb. And Imran Khan was that incisive penetrator making dents

which were irreparable. One must say here "Salute Imran, he was a sound skipper, he was that great bowler." He was the leveller of fortunes. Even the Indian skipper, Sunil Gavaskar, sportsman that he is, said "the Pakistanis played great cricket, Imran was unplayable".

The essential difference in triumph and failure was minimal yet so full of margin. Where the strongmen of India, Gavaskar, Vengsarkar, Viswanath and Kapil Dev were good in parts, the Pakistan success hinged around basically five consistent performers. Mudassar, Zaheer and Miandad were among the runs, Gavaskar, Viswanath and Vengsarkar (only at the end) were not. Kapil Dev was not deadly when required. Imran was. That in a nutshell sums up the whole episode.

Cricket as the Englishmen used to say is a gentleman's game. Play for the thrill of the sport is what counts even today. But the accent has changed. The professional outlook — dispassionate, never give in whatever be the circumstances and snatch whatever advantage which can be gained — has surfaced. The West Indians and Pakistanis have that adventurous spirit. The Indians do not have it except for Sandeep Patil and Kapil Dev. That's what makes India so doughy in defeat and Pakistan so full of sparkle in victory. The Pakistanis have thrived on English cricket. They have the men and the skill which goes to raise the game to distinctive heights.

Mudassar Nazar was the impregnable bulk-walk. Four centuries — 119 at Karachi, 231 not out at Hyderabad, 150 not out at Lahore and 152 in the final stanza at Karachi — from an opener certainly makes good going for any team. And Mudassar's broad blade added stature to the Pakistan batting already so formidable with Zaheer Abbas in sparkling form. Javed Miandad was all elegance as he frustrated the Indian bowlers. And truly



Imran ... distinctive all-rounder

Imran Khan emerged as that distinctive all-rounder hitting a century at Faisalabad where he had the unique distinction of bagging eleven wickets — the same haul as he had at Karachi.

Mudassar's overall tally of 761 runs, Zaheer's 650 and Miandad's 594 underlined the batting strength of Pakistan. Only Mohinder Amarnath could hold a candle to these exhilarating strokemakers. He was stubborn, he was prosaic. But he did a great job for India. His 109 not out at Lahore — 120 at Lahore again in the fifth Test and 103 not out at Karachi were knocks which underlined the great fighter Mohinder can be under stress.

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For India the Caribbean venture will be a test under fire. For Pakistan the series emphasized their growing strength and affinity for swashbuckling play.

One awaits to see how Pakistan will shape against the West Indies when they clash. It certainly will be titanic because these two countries play cricket the way the world wants it. And one would also like to see how Balwinder Sandhu fares in the Caribbean. He made a fine debut in the fifth Test with both bat and ball. Will he be another Eknath Solkar?

Takes firm grip on overall crown

## Phil Mahre steals show

ASPEN, Colorado, March 8 (AFP) — Victory for Phil Mahre of the U.S. in the giant slalom here Monday makes him certain of a third successive overall men's Alpine Skiing World Cup triumph.

Mahre, for whom this was his first win of the season, now has 250 points, a lead of 43 over Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, who had to settle for third place. Stenmark was pushed down into third spot by Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg and now cannot catch Mahre, even if he wins Tuesday special slalom at Vail, Arizona and the final giant and special events in Furano, Japan.

For Stenmark can only collect a further 41 points which would take him to 248, leaving him still two short of Mahre's total after his win Monday. Mahre won the first run in one min 15.60 sec, ahead of Stenmark and Girardelli. Alex Giorgi of Italy had the best time for the second run with Mahre third, while Stenmark could only manage seventh position.

Meanwhile, Todd Brooker of Canada won his second World Cup downhill of the season Sunday with a breathtaking finish to beat Michael Mair of Italy by 0.37 second.

Brooker, 23, from Waterloo, British Columbia, raced down the 3,170 meter course in 1 min 47.87 sec, fractionally ahead of Mair, who won the super giant slalom at Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, in December, and Helmut Hoeflner of Austria.

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Mudassar ... impregnable bulk-walk

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## Shahid to lead Jeddah squad

By a Staff Writer

But they never made it.

At Jeddah, Lords, Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) registered a fluent 90-run verdict over Saudi British Bank. JCC, batting first, rattled up a mammoth 209 with useful contributions from Shabeen (30), Zia (46), Jawed (30), Shafiq (27) and Waheed (27). John (3 for 32) and Shakeel (2 for 65) were the successful bowlers. And the Bankmen fared miserably in their victory chase before succumbing for 119. The Bankmen achieved a modicum of respectability mainly due to a gritty 64 from Usman.

In an another action, Indian Blues thrashed New Stars by a nine-wicket margin. A fine all round performance from Indian Blues' Nasar Azam was the feature of the clash. New Stars modest 129 was made possible by Rizwan (31), Shafiq (24), Khalil (29) and Ali Siddiqui (18) as Azam (3 for 17) and Amjad (5 for 47) wreaked havoc. Nasar and Jawed shared a 123-run opening stand before Nasar left with Indian Blues within sight of victory. Rahmat and Jawed then applied the finishing touches.

AQSL, shot out for a mere 16 runs, had the satisfaction of capturing two wickets before Pak Young competed the formalities. The AQSL were wrecked by Waseem (4 for 7) and Jamshed Mir (Aramco Abqaiq). Manager: L.N. Supra.

## Injuries hit India on eve of One-Day tie

POR-T-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago, March 8 (AFP) — India will be without all-round Ravi Shastri and may have to do without the services of key batsman Dilip Vengsarkar and all-rounder Balwinder Singh Sandhu as well for the One-Day Cricket International against the West Indies here.

West Indian doubts over whether their most dominant batsman Vivian Richards will be available is only part consolation for the Indians, who will start as complete underdogs against the team which has twice won the limited-over World Cup tournament.

Shastri the tall right-handed batsman and left-arm spin bowler, hurt his hand while fielding in the Indians' match against Trinidad and Tobago Friday. Team manager Hanuman Singh said Monday he hoped he would be ready to play in the second match in the five-Test series starting here next Friday but would definitely not play Tuesday.

Vengsarkar, another tall right-handed batsman, who is regarded as the India's best stroke player, strained his stomach muscles during India's defeat in the first Test, and he

is likely to be rested further so that he will be fit for the second Test. If he does not play, his place will be taken by Ashok Malhotra, an aggressive right-handed batsman.

Sandhu, whose medium pace bowling and hard-hitting batting would be useful in the limited overs match, has a slightly injured back but team officials indicated he is likely to play.

Meanwhile, Richards has been having treatment for a sore shoulder sustained in the first Test. He will make the decision himself on whether to play but it is likely that he will want further rest prior to Friday's second Test. Even without Richards the West Indies, winners of the World Cup in both tournaments held so far in 1975 and again in 1979, appear to have far too much all-round strength for the Indians.

The teams have met only once before in a limited-overs international, in the first round of the 1979 World Cup when the West Indies won easily by nine wickets. A big crowd is expected for the match at the Queen's Park Oval here which will also stage the second

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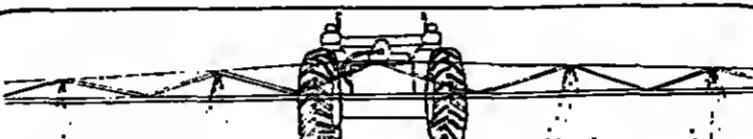
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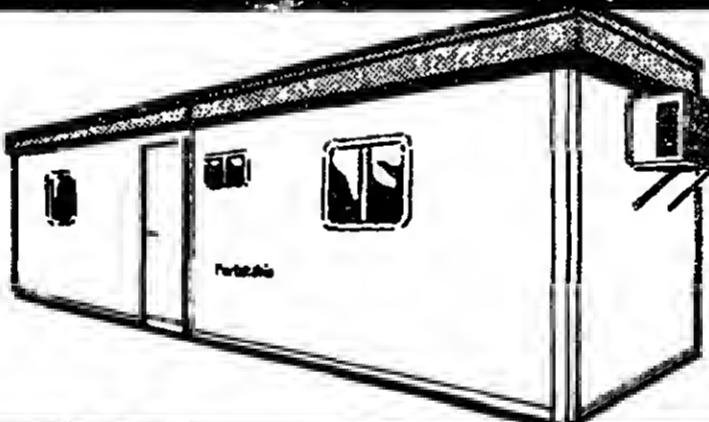
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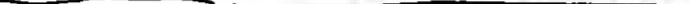
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— Modern Mathematics	4:30 Cartoons
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— People and Places	8:00 Arabic News
— Local Program	8:30 Sports Program
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Refugees tell tales of woe

## Zimbabweans flee to Botswana

DUKWE, Botswana, March 8 (AP) — Hundreds of Zimbabwean refugees are joining South African, Namibian and Angolan exiles at this remote refugee camp, the latest group to flee from violence in southern Africa.

The Zimbabwean villagers claim to be running for their lives from government soldiers who are sweeping through western Matabeleland province against "dissidents" — the government term for armed marauders in the bush.

The refugees are Matabele, the minority tribe loyal to opposition leader Joshua

### Killed driver 'aimed a gun'

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, March 8 (R)

— Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo's driver was killed by government troops because he had aimed a gun at them, the *Chronicle* newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Bulawayo paper was quoting a government spokesman, commenting for the first time on charges by Nkomo that the man had been murdered by soldiers sent to his house here to kill "the boss."

"When the security forces approached Nkomo's house the driver, who was armed, pointed his firearm and aimed at the approaching security forces who shot him dead before he could fire," the spokesman was quoted as saying.

### East, West delegates clash

MADRID, March 8 (R) — East and West renewed clashes over human rights, Poland and other issues at the European security review conference in Madrid Tuesday, breaking an undeclared truce of almost four weeks, delegates said.

The new clashes came as delegates took stock of a long list of major topics that remained to be resolved in order to reach the required consensus on a final document to bring their 28-month-old meeting to an end.

The 35th Conference on European Security and Cooperation (CSCE) is reviewing and updating the 1975 Helsinki agreements but is bogged down over East-West differences on human rights and terms for new all-European disarmament talks.

Delegates had spent the last month attempting to bridge the gaps in small working groups, but U.S. Ambassador Max Kampelman made clear in a speech Tuesday there was still a long way to go. He listed religious freedom, jamming of Western radio broadcasts, trade union liberties, the jailing of Helsinki rights activists, expulsion of newsmen, and the geographical zone for the European arms talks among unresolved areas.

"There is no room for euphoria here," he told reporters. Other points where he said there was still disagreement included Western demands for a nominal reference in the

Nkomo, who live in western Zimbabwe near the Botswana border. They say Shona-speaking troops, dispatched by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government, have killed hundreds of Matabele villagers since mid-January.

The refugees cross the border on foot, singly and in small groups, often trekking through the rough bush for several days before being picked up by police.

Officials here say 30 to 50 refugees a day were sent to the Dukwe camp in February after police screening in Francistown, the regional capital 135 kilometers south of the

ZAPU officials had told reporters earlier that the driver, Yona Ncube, was unarmed and was shot in his bed by troops who arrived at the Nkomo home in the black suburb of Pelanabwa last Saturday. Nkomo has accused Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of sending the troops to kill him and has gone into hiding, saying he fears for the lives of himself and his family. The government has described his allegations as rubbish.

The government spokesman said a three-day anti-rebel operation in Bulawayo had ended Monday night and had been "very successful." But the opposition has alleged it amounted to murder and oppression.

On Friday, 75 refugees were sent to the camp, and on Saturday police estimated 145 were in Francistown awaiting screening. Officials told a reporter who visited the camp that between 700 and 1,000 Zimbabweans were at Dukwe, in addition to about 400 refugees from South Africa, Namibia and Angola.

Virtually all the refugees say none among them had military connections with Nkomo's former guerrilla army. But police records show that more than 100 men declared themselves to be "trained soldiers" after crossing the border.

Mugabe has charged that former Nkomo guerrillas who deserted from the army are responsible for the wave of violence in the year since Mugabe dismissed Nkomo from the coalition government and accused him of plotting a coup.

The Dukwe camp, surrounded by a mesh-wire fence and set in thick woods, sheltered more than 10,000 Zimbabwean refugees during the seven-year guerrilla war against the white-minority Rhodesian government. Most returned to tribal areas after Zimbabwe's independence in April 1980.

Some stayed, however, and more began arriving during 1982 as dissidents began a campaign of robbery, murder and kidnapping in rural areas. The Zimbabwe government says the dissidents use Dukwe as a safe-haven staging area, and also as air route to military training in South Africa.

Speaking through an interpreter, a 20-year-old cried as he told the Associated Press of fleeing his village in Tsholotsho district after his mother was shot dead by soldiers.

A man in his 50s said soldiers of the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade had beaten him with rifle butts because he was an official of Nkomo's party, the Zimbabwe African People's Union. A 21-year-old man showed fresh scars on his back, allegedly the result of a beating by soldiers.

Seven refugees in all told similar tales. They also denied having seen dissidents in their villages, although there is clear evidence that rebels have carried out a string of robberies and more than 100 killings in the past year.

A low-key administration runs the Dukwe camp, which has 235 shelters arranged in neat rows under shady trees in an enclosure of several square kilometers. On a large field, the refugees play their favorite game — soccer. A dozen policemen guard the site, which includes a clinic and a school for primary and secondary school children.

### Pope in Honduras

GUATEMALA CITY, March 8 (AP) — Pope John Paul II left Guatemala Tuesday for a 10-hour visit to Honduras.

The pontiff's special fiftieth birthday flight left La Aurora International Airport at 1432 GMT for the half hour flight to Tegucigalpa's International Airport.

The pope returns to Guatemala Tuesday night after visiting the Honduran capital and the northern city of San Pedro Sula.

"It is a program tailored to the individual," one of the association's officials said.

## Salk vaccine favored to fight polio

BILTHOVEN, Netherlands, March 8 (AFP) — Health organizations might move toward the injectable Salk vaccine to fight polio in the developing world, as recent programs have shown it gives greater protection than the orally given "live" Sabin vaccine.

Which of the two vaccines is most suitable to protect the 80 million children born every year in the Third World was a crucial issue at an international symposium here on immunization last week. The big advantage of the oral method is that, despite new techniques in producing the Salk vaccine, its production cost remains four to five times that of the Sabin serum.

Vaccination is a primary tool in fighting disease in developing countries. Where 40,000 children die every day from malnutrition or the major diseases, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, tuberculosis and polio.

For polio, international programs currently favor Sabin in developing countries. But the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) says the dissidents use Dukwe as a safe-haven staging area, and also as air route to military training in South Africa.

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A French specialist reported to the conference that in experiments in Upper Volta in 1975 the Salk vaccine had been found to give 80 to 95 percent protection after two injections, while the Sabin serum gave only 30 to 40 percent protection after five or six doses.

The polio virus, which comes in three strains, is 1/100th a millimeter in diameter and multiplies in the tissue of the throat and intestine. In one out of every 100 cases it passes into the bloodstream and attacks the spinal cord, causing withering and paralysis. Polio is no longer a problem in Europe, with cases of the disease exceptional. But it is still a major killer in the Third World.

A French specialist said that in children subject to intestinal parasites and frequent diarrhea, the orally given vaccine was not as easily absorbed as in healthy children, limiting its effectiveness. The specialist added that, in addition, the live vaccine had been found to be expelled in the faeces, creating a new potential source of contamination.

A further disadvantage of the orally given serum is that the frequent doses often mean long journeys for the mother to bring the child to be vaccinated. The French Association for the Promotion of Preventive Medicine is currently sponsoring Salk Vaccination programs in Senegal and Upper Volta helped by Dutch volunteers.

Before the rainy season children aged between four months and four years are injected against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio, followed up with a booster jab and an injection against measles and yellow fever when the rainy season is over.

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MARSEILLES, France, March 8 (Agencies) — Two men were killed Tuesday when a car carrying explosives blew up 300 feet from a synagogue in this port city, and police said the pair may have been preparing to attack the building.

According to one report the car, a stolen Peugeot station wagon, was spotted by police guards as it passed the synagogue and the occupants panicked.

The explosives went off a few seconds later, setting fire to two cars parked in the street and shattering windows. The bodies of the men were found several meters from their car.

A resident of the neighborhood said he rushed to his window after hearing a "frightening blast. The street was lit by flames that were 10 meters high." The identities of the two men were not disclosed.

On Feb. 26, a bomb was discovered in a

## Troops to halt Assam riots

NEW DELHI, March 8 (AP) — The government has broadened its use of a Special Powers Act and sent troops into another area of Assam state troubled by clashes between natives and settlers from neighboring Bangaldesh.

Troops moved through parts of the remote northeastern state in shows of force Monday as scattered violence erupted. The newest area affected by the Special Powers Act was Maraijan.

The government has instructed soldiers to take the "strongest possible measures" to halt political and ethnic fighting that in the past one month officially has claimed more than 1,625 lives in Assam.

The government last Wednesday invoked the 25-year-old Special Powers Act in much of Assam, placing it under conditions similar

## Uganda rebel explains threat

NAIROBI, March 8 (R) — The second-in-command of a Ugandan anti-government guerrilla group said Tuesday a statement by his movement last week warning foreigners to leave Uganda should not have been issued "because it gave a wrong impression."

The initial statement warned foreigners to leave Uganda, saying in effect that they might be caught in crossfire between Ugandan forces and the guerrilla NRA.

A statement which reached Nairobi Tuesday signed by Eriya Kageya said: "We do not issue threats. We have nothing against foreigners as long as they do not involve themselves in the fighting... such as the North Korean advisers to the Ugandan Army."

The NRA did not agree with the presence in Uganda of a Commonwealth military training team but the guerrillas would not take any action against it, the statement added.

OUAGADOUGOU, Upper Volta, March 8 (AP) — A group of army personnel have been arrested in the capital of this West African nation "while preparing a violent action" to overthrow the government, the state radio station announced Monday night.

They were said to be supporters of the regime of Col. Saye Zerbo, himself overthrown by army officers last Nov. 7. The announcement confirmed a report in a local newspaper, *L'Observateur*, Monday, that "many" army officers had been arrested on the night of March 2-3 after a plot was discovered.

The radio said five or six persons had been arrested and investigations were continuing into the extent of the plot against the military regime now led by Commandant Dr. Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo.

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